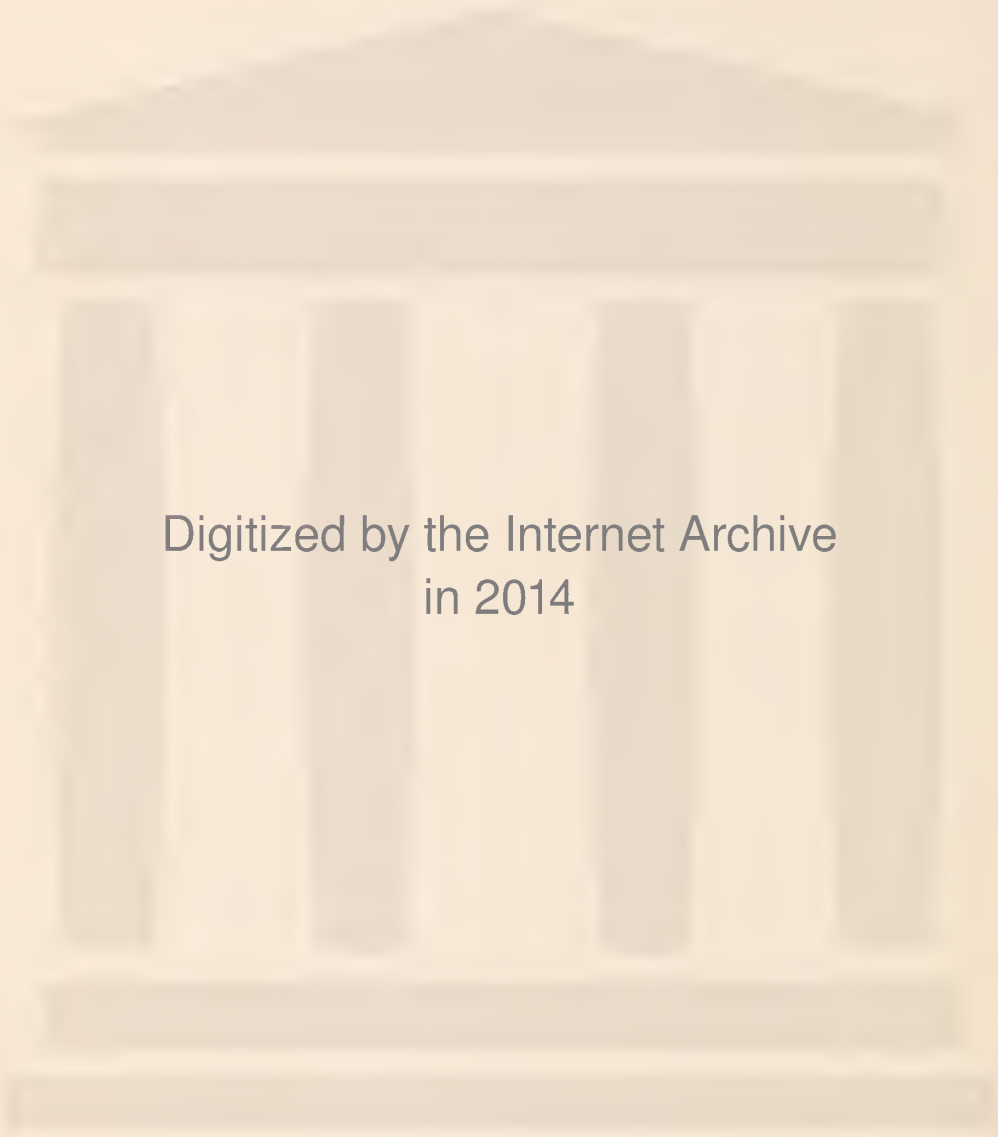
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BUFFALO POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1939

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council,
Buffalo, N. Y

Gentlemen:

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Report of the Police Department, for the year ending December 31, 1938, is hereby submitted. The report conforms with the procedure of the past ten years of presenting criminal statistics in a simplified form.

The number and disposition of major offenses are shown in Table IV of this report. They compare favorably with the figures released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in its report on criminal statistics for the nation. Buffalo's record shows a decline of 6.5% in the number of major offenses compared with the preceding year. The nation's record for the same periods show an increase of 1.3%. Our homicide record of 10 cases of murder and non-negligent manslaughter is the lowest since 1931, and 9 less than in 1937. Considering the cosmopolitan character of the city's population, its location on the Great Lakes, and being a large railroad center, always likely to cause an influx of undesirable persons, the low homicide rate compares very favorably with cities in the 600,000 class. The record in regard to other serious offenses is also quite satisfactory. Robbery decreased 31%, automobile theft 27% and rape 27%. There was an increase of 4.5% in burglary and 12% in felonious assault, but the arrests for burglary shows an improvement of 16% over 1937, and assaults 5%.

Early in this administration the need of entering the field of specialized crime prevention became apparent. The problem of increasing juvenile delinquency had to be met, so a crime prevention unit, designed to study and coordinate police effort was organized. A captain was placed in charge and with the assistance of the chairman of an interested civilian group, the division took form. Its personnel now consists of ten officers, including two desk lieutenants and a policewoman. Care was taken to select officers specially fitted by education and temperment for this activity. Splendid cooperation has been established with the Juvenile Court and the various county social agencies. I believe that considering the short time of its existence, this unit has accomplished much good in controlling the volume of juvenile criminal acts.

A review of the achievements of the Accident Investigation Division, during the year, indicates great progress in the right direction. Twenty-four hour patrol of the city's streets, by squads equipped to make a thorough inquiry into the causes of all serious accidents, has been accomplished. Through the avenues of education, appeals to good citizenship, and stricter law enforcement, the public is being convinced of the importance of the safety factor on our thoroughfares. I am pleased to report a reduction of 41 in the number of fatalities, due to motor vehicle accidents, the number injured was 335 less than the preceding year.

Police Departments throughout the country are taking advantage of Buffalo's facilities for radio and teletype communication. A large number of messages originating on either the eight state teletype system or the radio network are relayed at Buffalo during the year for their benefit.

The department is now operating 89 radio equipped cars, 30 of which have two-way radio.

The Traffic Department was aided by the passage of needed amendments to the existing traffic ordinances. A number of streets have been posted for one-way traffic, new parking regulations have been imposed and the installation of warning signs in front of schools and playgrounds is nearing completion. Approximately 91,861 white tags were issued for various parking violations. An improvement in traffic movement in the peak hours has been accomplished by rearranging the hours of traffic and motorcycle units, showing the men on duty in full strength when needed.

Your attention is also invited to the data in Table X, which indicates the volume of miscellaneous services rendered by the department during the year.

Our financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1938, shows the total expenditure as $3,213,256.19.

In conclusion I wish to thank the honorable Mayor, the Council and members of the department for their cooperation during 1938.

GLENN H. McCLELLAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Roll of Honor

OFFICERS WHO WERE
KILLED IN ACTION

Sergeant
TIMOTHY J. CANTLIN
Jan. 12, 1896

Patrolman
CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER
Sept. 6, 1911

Detective
JOHN N. DUMKE
Apr. 20, 1919

Lieutenant
EDWARD STECK
May 15, 1922

Patrolman
HAROLD HALTAM
Dec. 23, 1928

Lieutenant
GEORGE T. MILLER
Dec. 20, 1931

Patrolman
STERLING C. FORDEN
June 23, 1934

Patrolman
NICHOLAS B. SMITH
Sep. 17, 1905

Patrolman
GEORGE N. CLAUS
Nov. 19, 1912

Patrolman
WINFIELD S. WILLIS
Aug. 21, 1921

Patrolman
WILLIAM T. HUNT
Jan. 17, 1924

Patrolman
CARL L. WUNDERLICH
Feb. 4, 1930

Patrolman
RUSSELL E. GREELEY
Nov. 20, 1932

Lieutenant
GEORGE L. UHL
Aug. 31, 1934

The Chief Executives of the Buffalo Police Department

Since its formation as a uniformed force in the year 1866, giving dates and duration of service

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
SUPT. DAVID REYNOLDS*	May 7, 1866—March 6, 1870	3	9	29
SUPT. PETER C. DOYLE*	April 1, 1870—May 1, 1872	2	1	0
SUPT. JOHN BYRNE*	May 1, 1872—May 26, 1879	7	0	25
SUPT. WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS*	May 26, 1879—Jan. 14, 1880	0	7	18
SUPT. WILLIAM J. WOLF*	Jan. 14, 1880—Dec. 28, 1882	2	11	14
SUPT. JAMES H. SHEPHARD*	Dec. 28, 1882—May 12, 1883	0	4	14
SUPT. THOMAS CURTIN*	May 12, 1883—July 31, 1884	1	2	19
SUPT. WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS*	July 31, 1884—March 18, 1887	2	7	17
SUPT. MARTIN MORIN*	March 18, 1887—Jan. 22, 1891	3	10	4
SUPT. DANIEL MORGANSTERN*	Jan. 22, 1891—June 1, 1893	2	4	9
SUPT. GEORGE CHAMBERS*	June 1, 1893—March 7, 1894	0	9	6
SUPT. WILLIAM BULL*	March 7, 1894—Jan. 24, 1906	11	10	17
ACTG. SUPT. JOHN MARTIN*	Jan. 24, 1906—April 23, 1906	0	3	29
SUPT. MICHAEL REGAN*	April 23, 1906—Dec. 24, 1915	9	8	1
CHIEF JOHN MARTIN*	Jan. 1, 1916—Jan. 2, 1918	2	0	1
CHIEF HENRY J. GIRVIN	Jan. 2, 1918—May 1, 1919	1	3	29
CHIEF JAMES W. HIGGINS	Feb. 18, 1919—Jan. 1, 1922	2	10	13
CHIEF JOHN BURFIEND*	Jan. 2, 1922—Dec. 31, 1923	1	11	29
CHIEF CHARLES F. ZIMMERMAN	Jan. 1, 1924—Mar. 31, 1926	2	3	0
COMMISSIONER JAMES W. HIGGINS	April 1, 1926—Dec. 29, 1929	3	8	29
COMMISSIONER AUSTIN J. ROCHE	Jan. 1, 1930—Dec. 31, 1933	4	0	0
COMMISSIONER JAMES W. HIGGINS	Jan. 1, 1934—Dec. 31, 1937	4	0	0
COMMISSIONER GLENN H. McCLELLAN	Jan. 1, 1938—			

* Deceased

Title changed from Chief to Commissioner, January 1, 1928.

Department of Police

GLENN H. McCLELLAN
Commissioner

JOSEPH S. JORDAN
Deputy Commissioner

THOMAS J. GILLIGAN
Inspector

JAMES HYLAND
Inspector

JOHN S. MARNON
Inspector

JOHN J. WHALEN	*Chief of Detectives*
ARTHUR D. BRITT	*Assistant Chief of Detectives*
THOMAS V. MEEGAN	*Assistant Chief of Detectives*
PATRICK J. HOAR	*Assistant Chief of Detectives*
THOMAS COYLE	*Chief Desk Lieutenant*
EDWARD M. McGURN	*Assistant Chief Desk Lieutenant*
PETER J. FLOOD	*Captain—Crime Prevention Bureau*
GEORGE F. TOURJIE	*Lieutenant—Accident Division*
OSCAR H. DABRITZ	*Lieutenant—Auto Theft Division*
WILLIAM HILDEBRAND	*Property and Chief Clerk*
JAMES CONNORS	*Chief of Identification*
LAWRENCE D. GENO	*Chief Radio Operator*
JOHN E. REGAN	*Clerk to Commissioner*
VICTOR A. TYRASINSKI	*Surgeon*
WILLIAM F. BURKE	*Surgeon*
JACOB J. GAISER	*Stenographer*
REINHOLD SCHULZ	*Photographer*

TABLE 1

FORCE

Personnel, Salary Scale, and Distribution of Police Department, December 31, 1938.

No.	Rank and Grade	Annual Salary Scale, Dollars—Jan. 1, 1938 to June 30, 1938	Annual Salary Scale, Dollars—July 1, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	PRECINCTS																	Headquarters	Detective Divn.	Traffic Divn.	Auto Divn.	Accident Divn.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
1	Commissioner of Police	$7,000	$6,300																		1				
1	Dep. Com. of Police		4,500																		1				
1	Chief of Detectives	4,500	4,000																			1			
3	Inspectors	4,500	4,000																		3				
3	Asst. Ch'fs of Detectives	3,300	3,200																			3			
19	Captains	3,300	3,150	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		
1	Chief Desk Lieutenant	3,300	3,000																		1				
1	Asst. Chief Desk Lieut.	2,800	2,700																		1				
1	Property & Ch. Clerk	3,600	3,301																		1				
1	Asst. Prop. & Ch. Clerk	2,370	2,300																		1				
2	Surgeons	3,060	3,001																		2				
1	Chief of Identification	3,000	2,800																			1			
57	Lieutenants	2,850	2,760	2	4	2	3	2	4	1	2	2	4	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	5		4	1	1
17	Lieutenants	2,700	2,610	2		2	1	1	1	3	2	2		1				1		1					
76	Desk Lieutenants	2,370	2,300	3	2	3	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	2	2	1	1
12	Desk Lieutenants	2,250	2,180		1			1		2	1										7				
36	Detective Sergeants	2,490	2,400																			36			
70	Detectives	2,370	2,300	4	4	4	2	3	4	1	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	7	1
802	Patrolmen	2,250	2,200	59	32	47	39	31	35	27	51	38	32	28	44	38	28	29	34	35	28	19	88	13	27
4	Policewomen	2,100	2,000																			4			
5	Matrons	1,800	1,669																			5			
1114	Totals			71	44	59	49	41	48	36	63	50	42	40	55	49	38	40	45	45	79	72	96	22	30

TABLE I-A

— Civilians —

Personnel, Salary Scale, and Distribution of Police Department, December 31, 1938

No.	Rank and Grade	Annual Salary Scale, Dollars— Jan. 1, 1938 to June 30, 1938	Annual Salary Scale, Dollars— July 1, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	PRECINCTS																Headquarters	Radio and Electrical Divn.	Detective Divn.	Traffic Divn.	Garage
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
1	Clerk to Commissioner	$3,300	$3,001																		1				
1	Stenographer	2,760	2,401																		1				
1	Chief Radio Operator	3,030	3,001																			1			
4	Radio Operators	2,370	2,300																			4			
1	Bookkeeper	2,370	2,101																		1				
2	Clerks	2,100	1,669																						2
1	Switchboardman	2,340	2,101																			1			
1	Cable Splicer	2,490	2,401																			1			
1	Cable Splicer Helper	2,250	2,101																			1			
1	Instrument Man	2,370	2,101																			1			
1	Ast. Instrument Repairer	2,250	2,101																			1			
1	Batteryman	2,370	2,101																			1			
13	Linemen	2,250	2,101																			13			
1	Assistant Foreman	2,100	2,101																						1
7	Mechanics	2,250	2,070																						7
4	Mechanics		1,770																						4
20	Mechanic Helpers	2,100	1,620																		1				19
1	Woodworking Machinist	2,250	2,070																						1
3	Head Porters	2,100	1,800																1	1	1				
7	Porters		1,300																		6				1
25	Laborers	5.00 da.	5.00 da.																		5	4		4	12
1	Photographer	2,490	2,401																				1		
1	1st Class Engineer	2,700	2,401																		1				
3	2nd Class Engineers	2,500	2,401																		3				
13	Janitresses	1,620	1,300		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			2				
1	Janitress	1,540	1,220																		1				
12	Temporary Laborers		5.00 da.																			4			8
128	Totals				1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	23	32	1	4	55

TABLE II

Changes in the Authorized and Actual Strength of the Police Department

Ranks and Grades	Authorized Strength		Actual Strength		Net Gain or Loss + or —
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Commissioner of Police	1	1	1	1	
Deputy Commissioner	....	1	.....	1	+1
Inspectors	3	3	3	3	
Chief of Detectives	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Chiefs of Detectives	3	3	3	3	
Captains	21	19	20	19	—1
Chief Desk Lieutenant	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Chief Desk Lieutenant	1	1	1	1	
Property & Chief Clerk	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Property & Chief Clerk	1	1	1	1	
Surgeons	2	2	2	2	
Chief of Identification	1	1	1	1	
Lieutenants	73	74	73	74	+1
Chief Park Patrolman	1	....	1	.....	—1
Desk Lieutenants	77	89	77	88	+11
Detective Sergeants	36	36	36	36	
Detectives	70	70	70	70	
Patrolmen	864	849	864	802	—62
Policewomen	4	4	4	4	
Matrons	5	5	5	5	
Relief Desk Lieutenants	12	.....	12	.....	—12
CIVILIANS					
Traffic Engineer	1	....	1	.....	— 1
Clerk to Commissioner	1	1	1	1	
Stenographer	1	1	1	1	
Assistant Foreman	1	1	1	1	
Switchboardman	1	1	1	1	
Cable Splicer	1	1	1	1	
Cable Splicer Helper	1	1	1	1	
Instrument Man	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Instrument Repairer	1	1	1	1	
Batteryman	1	1	1	1	
Linemen	14	13	14	13	— 1
Mechanics	.....	11	.....	11	+11
Mechanic Assistants	7	.....	7	.....	— 7
Mechanic Helpers	25	20	25	20	— 5
Photographer	1	1	1	1	
Janitors	3	.....	3	.....	— 3
Janitresses	15	14	15	14	— 1
Woodworking Machinist	1	1	1	1	
Head Porters	.....	3	.....	3	+ 3
Porters	1	7	1	7	+ 6
Laborers	34	25	34	25	— 9
Temporary Laborers	.....	12	.....	12	+12
Watchman	1	.....	1	.....	— 1
Clerks	2	2	2	2	
Bookkeeper	1	1	1	1	
Chief Radio Operator	1	1	1	1	
Radio Operators	4	4	4	4	
1st Class Engineers	1	1	1	1	
2nd Class Engineers	3	3	3	3	
Totals	1302	1290	1301	1242	—59

TABLE II-A

Changes in Police Personnel During the Year 1938

1.	Present for Duty January 1, 1938		1177
2.	Recruited During the Year		0
3.	Reinstated		1
	Total		1178
4.	Separations from the Service:		
	a. Voluntary Resignations	0	
	b. Retirement on Pension	40	
	c. Resigned With Charges Pending	0	
	d. Dropped During Probation	0	
	e. Dismissed for Cause	0	
	f. Killed in Line of Duty	0	
	g. Deceased	24	
	Total Separations from the Service		64
5.	Present for Duty December 31, 1938		1114

TABLE II-B

Daily Average Strength of Patrol Force

1.	Total Number of Patrolmen (Average During Year)	834		
2.	Less Permanent Assignments (Public, Clerical, etc.)	127		
			707	
3.	Less Details to Special Squads (See Squad Table)		129	
				578
4.	Daily Average Absentees of Patrolmen Assigned to Patrol Duty Due to:			
	a. Vacations, Suspensions, etc. (37,224 days)		102	
	b. Sick and Injured (578 men) (6,647 days)		18	
	c. Temporary Details (As Shown)		78	
	d. Regular Force Relieving Men on Permanent Details		1	
	e. Time Lost by Veterans, Allowed by Law		2	
				201
5.	Available for Precinct Foot Patrol Duty		218	
6.	Available for Precinct Radio Cars		135	
7.	Available for Precinct Motorcycles		24	
				377

TABLE III

Surgeons' Report

		Doctor Tyrasinski	Doctor Burke	Total
1.	Number of Times Patrolmen Reported Sick or Disabled	345	318	663
	Number of Times Officers Other than Patrolmen Reported Sick or Disabled	89	103	192
2.	Number of Professional Calls	1611	1553	3164
3.	Number of Days Lost by Sick Leave:			
	Patrolmen	4760	3172	7932
	Other Officers	1478	1292	2770
	Number of Days Lost by Injuries:			
	Patrolmen	513	956	1469
	Other Officers	120	236	356
4.	Number of Days Lost by Civilian Employees Because of Sickness or Injuries	1007	486	1493
5.	Number of Officers Killed in Line of Duty			0
6.	Number of Officers Died (Active)			24
	Number of Civilians Died (Active)			1
7.	Members of the Department Superannuated: Force		40	
	Civilians		2	42

Excerpt from the City Charter with reference to disability of members of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 12, Sec. 238. DISABILITY. The Commissioner shall grant to each member of the Department, when disabled by sickness full pay for the time the disability exists; not, however, to exceed a period of six months, and if a member of the Department becmes disabled while in the performance of duty, full pay until he shall be able to resume his duty, for no longer period, however, than one year.

The Pistol Range

Number of Times members reported for practice during the year 1938	10,514
Number of times members made expert score	3,541
Number of times members made sharpshooters score	4,610
Number of times members made marksman score	3,311
Number of members making less than marksman score	296
Number of members competing for high score during the year	193
Number of members winning "Day Off" for high score during the year	70
Number of members who did not shoot because of sickness or other reasons	204

The form of practice is changed monthly and includes slow, time and rapid fire, with the left and right hand, at varying distances at different size targets and silhouettes.

Approximately 100,000 rounds of new and reloaded ammunition were used at the pistol range during the year.

Two members of the Police Department are detailed to the pistol range as instructors.

Communication

The Buffalo Police Department has been more fortunate in respect to communication facilities than most police departments in the United States. As early as 1875, the department had the Morse Telegraph System, manned by competent telegraphers, who transmitted the many messages and orders to the Force over the line from headquarters to the outlying precinct station houses. Some of the original key men were ex-army telegraphers, who gained their experience in the war between the states.

For over fifty years the Morse was the dependable means of communication in the department, and is still functioning today. It has proved its value in the troublesome times of strikes and riots, when it was necessary to move police quickly to prevent the acts of the lawless getting beyond control. An order on the Morse, with slight chance of error, dispatched a number of men to the scene, prepared to take the necessary steps to disperse unlawful assemblage, and preserve law and order. When preparing for a large influx of visitors to conventions, meetings, athletic games, etc., the necessary instructions, outlining the police program, the details and posting of men to handle the crowds, were sent on the Morse wire.

The telegraphers are sworn in as police officers, and have the title of desk lieutenants. In addition to communication, they book prisoners, accept bail, and are responsible for the care of prisoners confined in cells, except in the headquarters building. They take complaints from citizens which require police action, assist in preparing court cases by taking affidavits and statements, make crime and accident reports, and have other duties required by the rules and regulations of the department.

The duties of the desk officer became too burdensome of late years to permit proper attention to the Morse wire. To relieve him to some extent the one-way teletype was introduced to the department in 1929, followed by the complete or two-way teletype system, upon completion of the new headquarters building early in 1937. The latter has supplanted the use of the Morse in the transmission of orders and messages. Flashes to the radio station and press reports from the precinct stations are sent on the Morse wire, giving us a flexible system of communication.

Teletype Service

Number of messages sent and received on local system	21,353
Number of messages originating at Buffalo, sent on 8 state teletype system	5,203
Number of messages originating at points on 8 state teletype system received at Buffalo	24,750
Total	51,306

Radio

Our radio station WMJ is the interzone station on the police radio network, and Buffalo is the western terminus of the eight-state teletype system. Therefore, it is the coordinating point for radio-telegraph-teletype transmission. The department is desirous of giving the best possible type of service in this connection, but due to limited personnel at the radio station, asks that departments using the service confine it to the transmission of messages of an urgent nature. A chief radio operator is in charge, with four radio operators assisting him. They possess first class radio telegraph and radio telephone licenses issued by the Federal Communications Commission. They are competent Morse as well as radio telegraph operators, and use the latter when working with inter-city stations. The other duties of this group are to broadcast all messages to police radio equipped units, both in the city and the county. The service given by the station is of a high standard and ranks with the best in the country.

A new control console for dispatching was completed and is ready for service at WMJ. Also a complete emergency power unit, capable of generating enough electricity to operate the station independent of outside power source. It consists of a gasoline engine which drives an alternating current generator that will supply ten thousand watts of 60 cycle 110 volt current to the equipment. The unit is operated entirely by remote control and in case of failure of outside power source, the operator can switch to the emergency unit and resume operation immediately.

Number of calls broadcast to local police units	85,329
Number of calls broadcast to county officers and other police units	12,016
Number of transmissions at WMJ to and from points on radio network. Of this number about 18% concerned the local department. The remainder were relayed for other police departments either by radio or teletype	7,176

The department is operating 89 radio equipped cars, 30 of which are equipped for two-way communication.

Radio Station WMJ has one radio telegraph transmitter and 2 radio telephone transmitters.

TABLE IV

Number and Disposition of Major Offenses Known to the Police

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (Part I Classes)	Offenses Reported or Known to Police (Cur. Yr.)	Unfounded	Number of Actual Offenses	Cleared by Arrest	Not Cleared by Arrest	Reported Not Cleared Other Years; Cleared by Arrest
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Felonious Homicide:						
a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	10		10	8	2	2
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	10		10	8	2	1
2. Rape	54		54	51	3	
3. Robbery	116	14	102	56	46	5
4. Aggravated Assault	189		189	175	14	2
5. Burglary—Breaking and Entering:						
a. Dwellings	122	2	120	87	33	55
b. Non-Residence	538	8	530	392	138	57
6. Larceny—Theft (Except Autos):						
a. Over $50 in Value	346		346	168	178	9
b. Under $50 in Value	1985		1985	1026	959	43
7. Auto Theft	816	155	661	148	513	
Totals	4186	179	4007	2119	1888	174

TABLE IV-A

Distribution of Certain Offenses by Month

OFFENSE CLASS	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1. Robbery	16	15	11	9	10	4	2	5	7	9	2	12
2. Aggravated Assault	17	18	15	7	20	8	22	24	16	13	12	17
3. Burglary — Breaking and Entering	93	79	65	40	44	42	38	31	37	45	68	68
4. Auto Theft	68	43	58	52	63	26	36	39	59	70	81	66
5. Disorderly Conduct	240	308	278	297	333	293	383	325	275	283	210	249
6. Vagrancy	180	253	238	249	227	106	151	240	189	261	174	185
7. Drunkenness	273	278	382	409	397	328	332	355	417	455	349	289
Totals	887	994	1047	1063	1094	807	964	1019	1000	1136	896	886

TABLE IV-B

Distribution of Certain Offenses by Hour of Day

OFFENSE CLASS	12 Mdt. to 2 A. M.	2 A. M. to 4 A. M.	4 A. M. to 6 A. M.	6 A. M. to 8 A. M.	8 A. M. to 10 A. M.	10 A. M. to 12 Noon	12 Noon to 2 P. M.	2 P. M. to 4 P. M.	4 P. M. to 6 P. M.	6 P. M. to 8 P. M.	8 P. M. to 10 P. M.	10 P. M. to 12 Mdt.	Unknown
1. Robbery	7	16	8	5	2	5	3	1	7	11	15	22	
2. Aggravated Assault	22	21	6	6	2	7	12	9	15	27	33	29	
3. Burglary—Breaking and Entering	124	158	117	40	4	4	2	7	12	33	56	45	48
4. Auto Theft	69	55	31	57	45	26	31	43	45	62	70	106	21
5. Disorderly Conduct	546	648	281	125	203	151	160	252	251	210	274	373	
6. Vagrancy	430	351	140	71	86	139	130	196	254	142	242	272	
7. Drunkenness	622	537	184	107	166	288	315	457	448	340	407	393	
Totals	1820	1786	767	411	508	620	653	965	1032	825	1097	1240	69

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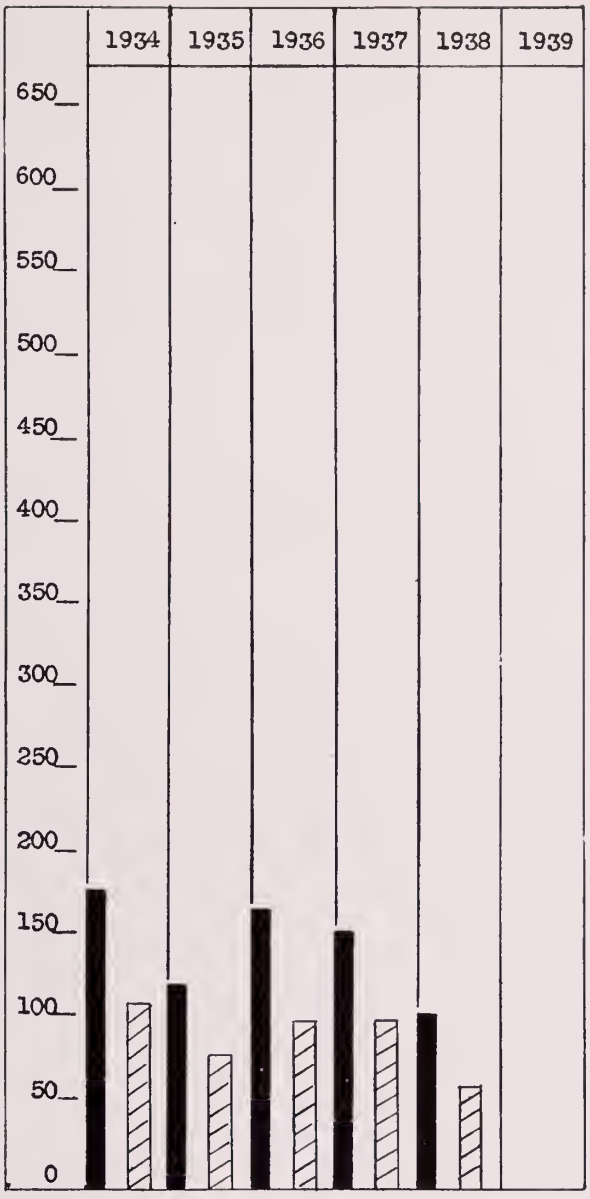

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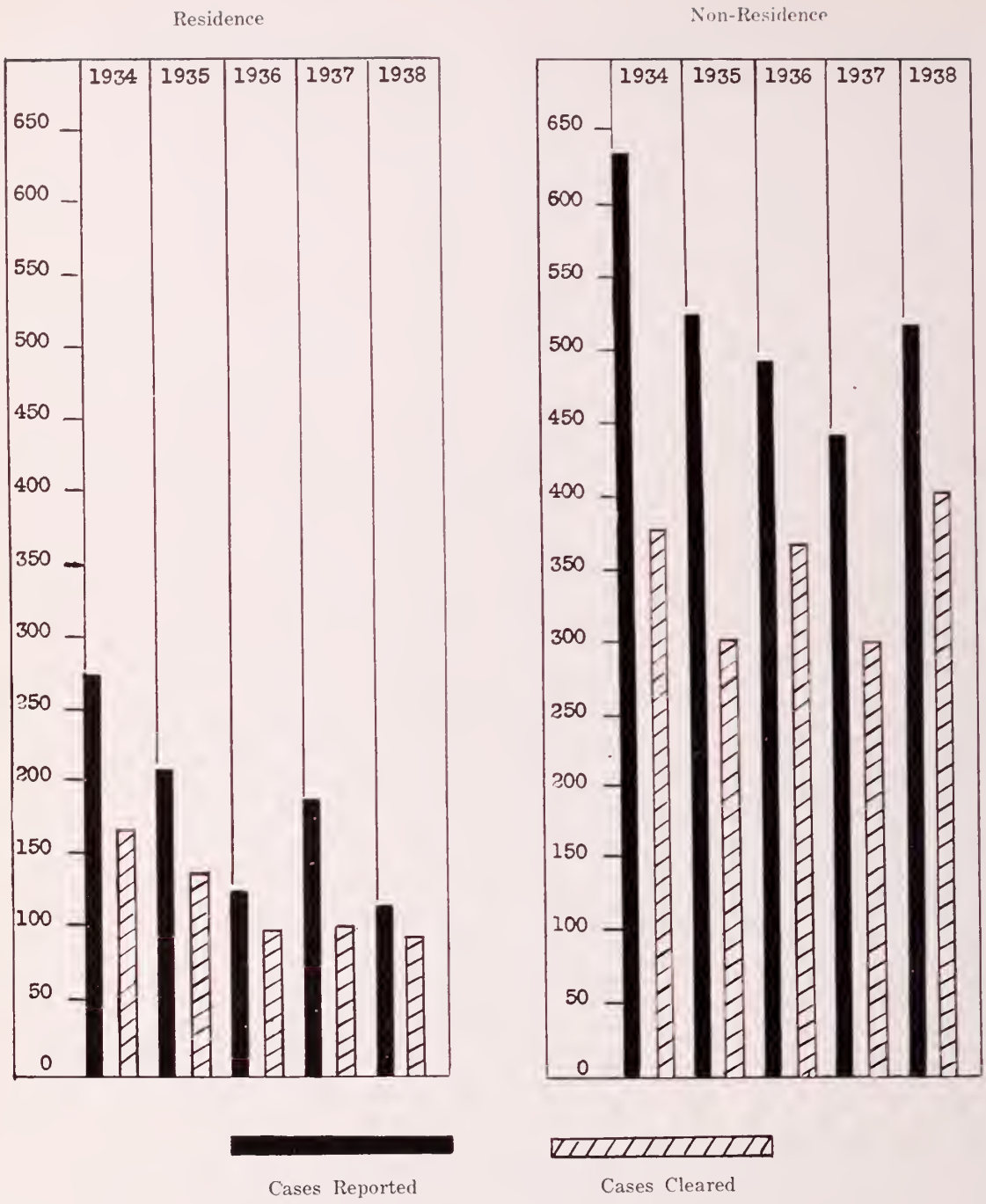
BURGLARIES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Cases Reported
Cases Cleared

TABLE V

Persons Charged and Convicted

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Released by Police (No Formal Charge or Prosecution)	PERSONS CHARGED BY POLICE (Resulting in Prosecution)			Convicted as Charged	Convicted of Lesser Offense
		Total Persons Charged	Arrested (Taken into Custody)	Summoned Notified or Cited		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PART I CLASSES						
1. Felonious Homicide:						
a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter		10	10			6
b. Manslaughter by Negligence		9	9			1
2. Rape		72	72		3	25
3. Robbery		74	74		12	34
4. Aggravated Assault		195	195		21	104
5. Burglary—Breaking and Entering		376	376		14	225
6. Larceny—Theft (Except Auto Theft)		1187	1187		377	148
7. Auto Theft		200	200		20	93
Total Part I Classes		2123	2123		447	636
PART II CLASSES						
8. Other Assaults		1575	1575		811	
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting		66	66		2	39
10. Embezzlement and Fraud		80	80		34	5
11. Stolen Property—Buying, Receiving, Possessing, etc.		101	101		3	47
12. Weapons—Carrying, Possessing, etc.		101	101		22	27
13. Prostitution and Commercialized Vice		538	538		181	
14. Sex Offenses (Except Items 2 and 13)		83	83		30	15
15. Offenses Against Family and Children		884	884		648	
16. Narcotic Drug Laws		23	23		16	
17. Liquor Laws		183	183		94	
18. Drunkenness		4264	4264		4108	
19. Disorderly Conduct		3474	3474		2741	
20. Vagrancy		2453	2453		1251	
21. Gambling		574	574		471	
22. Driving While Intoxicated		212	210	2	81	2
23. Violation of Road and Driving Laws		6160	290	5870	5523	
24. Parking Violations		5052	4	5048	4708	
25. Traffic Laws (Except Items 23 and 24)		1275	219	1056	889	
26. All Other Offenses		1948	1948		1208	41
Total Part II Classes		29046	17070	11976	22821	176
GRAND TOTALS		31169	19193	11976	23268	812

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Felony Arrests

Murder	Robbery	1897 P.L.	Burglary	Assault 1st Deg.	Assault 2nd Deg.	Felony Arrests For Other Cities	Other Felonies	Total
4	41	27	76	14	....	53	453	668

Misdemeanor Arrests

1298 P.L.	887 S D 1 to 6	722—11 P.L.	Misdemeanor Arrests for Other Cities	Other Misdemeanors	Totals
243	297	6	61	1079	1685

Property Reported Stolen .....$14,537.32 Property Recovered .....$10,517.13 Property Recovered for Other Cities $3,814.50

HEADQUARTERS LIQUOR, VICE AND GAMBLING SQUADS

GAMBLING

	Raids Conducted	Persons Arrested	Persons Convicted	Persons Fined	Total Fines	Sent to Institutions	S. S. and Probation	Persons Discharged	Cases Pending
Bookmaking	300	336	297	295	$11,345.00	0	2	38	1
Policy Slips	45	59	55	48	1,620.00	2	5	3	1
Crap Games	12	14	11	8	145.00	0	3	3	0
Slot Machines	5	9	6	3	30.00	0	3	3	0
Lotteries	20	24	12	9	190.00	1	2	4	8
Other Offenses	10	121	54	4	112.00	1	49	66	1
Totals	392	563	435	367	$13,442.00	4	64	117	11

VICE

Disorderly Houses	207	395	173	....	....	53	120	216	6
Vice Offenses	3	76	23	5	155.00	6	12	53	....
Other Offenses	8	139	71	17	291.00	12	42	67	1
Totals	218	610	267	22	$ 446.00	71	174	336	7

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

A.B.C. Violations	87	100	82	28	$ 1,380.00	34	20	16	2
Stills (1530 P.L.)	14	27	19	4	225.00	7	8	8	....
Federal Cases	27	41	8	6	375.00	1	1	3	30
Other Offenses	6	116	99	12	121.00	7	80	17	....
Totals	134	284	208	50	2,101.00	49	109	44	32
Grand Totals	744	1457	910	439	$15,989.00	124	347	497	50

TABLE V-B

Comparative Rates for Offenses Known to the Police, Per Cent Cleared by Arrest and Per Cent Found Guilty

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (Part 1 Classes)	No. of Offenses Known to the Police Per 100,000 Population			Per Cent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest			Per Cent of Persons Charged Found Guilty		
1	2			3			4		
	1938	1937	1936	1938	1937	1936	1938	1937	1936
1. Felonious Homicide:									
a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1.7	3.2	1.8	80	68	36	60	58	50
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	1.7	4.7	2.8	80	79	94	11	13	....
2. Rape	9.0	12.4	7.2	94	93	91	39	44	34
3. Robbery	17.0	24.7	26.5	55	61	51	62	59	41
4. Aggravated Assault	31.6	28.4	36.9	93	95	95	64	44	41
5. Burglary—Breaking and Entering	108.5	104.2	101.3	74	63	74	64	74	66
6. Larceny—Theft	389.1	389.6	327.6	51	43	52	44	59	58
7. Auto Theft	110.4	152.3	153 6	22	28	26	57	63	54

1936 Population 601,000—Health Dept. Estimate
1937 Population 596,369—Health Dept. Estimate
1938 Population 599,273—Health Dept. Estimate

TABLE V-C

Persons Charged by Police for Violation of Traffic and Motor Vehicle Laws

NATURE OF VIOLATION	Released By Police (No Formal Charge or Prosecution)	PERSONS CHARGED BY POLICE		
		Total Persons Charged	Arrested	Summonsed, Notified or Cited
1. Speeding	.....	824	16	808
2. Reckless Driving	.....	263	95	168
3. Illegal Parking	.....	5052	4	5048
4. Improper or Defective Lights or Brakes	.....	730	14	716
5. Non-Observance of Signal Lights or Traffic Signs	.....	3167	11	3156
6. Improper Registration of License	.....	852	214	638
7. Violations by Pedestrians	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Violation of Road and Driving Laws	.....	1179	223	956
9. Hit and Run Drivers	.....	205	159	46
10. All Others	.....	423	5	418
Totals	.....	12695	741	11954

Police Training School

There were no appointments to the Force during 1938. Owing to the contemplated revision of the police pension law, and the uncertainty of the pension status of new members, it was deemed inadvisable to accept recruits until this matter was adjusted.

In April a refresher course was given to members of the desk lieutenants' branch. Seventy members were in attendance at the classes conducted for three weeks. Instructions on the enforcement of the laws of the state, and the ordinances of the City of Buffalo, the operation of the police communication system (radio, teletype and Morse wire) were given. A review of the provisions of existing orders affecting the record system proved beneficial, as was evinced by a decided improvement in the service.

Being mindful of the school's objective to impart knowledge to police officers, in order to make them capable of rendering proper service to the community, a course of lectures on scientific subjects was undertaken. Approximately two hundred members of our department, and officers from the surrounding cities and towns, were present at the lectures, given on Monday of each week. The subjects treated were: Foreign Police Departments; The Use of X-Rays; Medical Photography; Chemistry; Moulage; Investigations at the Scene of a Crime; Autopsies; Parole and Probation; Physics and Metallurgy; Polygraphs; Counterfeiting; Ballistics.

With the advent of the new administration, an intensive safety campaign was inaugurated, under the auspices of the Commissioner. The services of the school staff have been engaged to a great extent throughout the year with educational work in connection with this campaign. Lectures on the subject together with the showing of safety films were given. Through the cooperation of the school department a large number of children were reached. It is estimated that about 45,000 men, women and children, were in attendance at the series of lectures. Much interest in the subject of "Safety" was shown, and we believe that our efforts were productive of very good results, as attested by the record for 1938, in comparison with former years.

Year	Persons Killed (motor vehicles)	Persons Injured (motor vehicles)
1938	83	3196
1937	128	3542
1936	105	3437
1935	106	3647
1934	115	4004
1933	103	3344

At the outset every effort was made to obtain the active cooperation of all agencies, not alone interested in the work but those whose duties would require their participation. The Mayor and Council of the City, the Buffalo Safety Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the Judges of the City Court, and members of the police department, have displayed a real spirit of cooperation in dealing with this problem.

The factors contributing to our success during the year were:

1. An earnest endeavor to acquaint the public with a full knowledge of the facts.

2. A special appeal to good citizenship, to drive with safety in mind, and to be considerate of other drivers and pedestrians on the highways.

3. A plan of selective enforcement.

Various methods were used to convey our message to the public. Safety literature or safety messages of one kind or another were distributed to individuals, posted in business places, or appeared on envelopes, addressed to consumers of gas and electricity. Radio talks were given. Speakers at public functions talked Safety, and urged cooperation by their listeners. Both sound and silent safety films were shown at local theatres. Items were inserted in the Polish newspapers, to reach those, not conversant with the English language. In our dealings with the public we endeavored to inculcate the principle that the success of the campaign depended on their reaction to our efforts.

That the citizens did respond was indicated by the large number that used the testing machines and attended the Safe Drivers School. · In some instances City Court Judges sent drivers to the school, while others, acting on the advice of Traffic officers, attended to learn how to correct driving faults.

An improvement in handling traffic during the peak hours was made by staggering the hours on duty of traffic and motorcycle units, showing them in full strength at a time when most needed for accident prevention, and guiding the flow of traffic.

The importance of special training for officers, delegated with the task of instructing recruits, and getting them started in the right direction as police officers, and assisting in the education of those seeking promotion was recognized by sending three of our members to outside schools, to take the courses offered.

Lieutenant John J. Shanahan was sent to Troy, N. Y., early in the year to attend the New York State Officers Training School at Troy Polytechnic. After his return, the officer's services were used to advantage in the safety campaign, and other departmental activities.

Lieutenant Glenn G. Pauley, awarded the James F. Kemper Fellowship at Northwestern University, has been attending that school for several months, taking the course offered for the higher training of police officers. Lieutenant Pauley's services will be available to the department during the coming year.

Patrolman Arthur J. Collins of the Accident Division took a special course at the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University. Since his return part of his duties have been to instruct other members in accident prevention and investigation.

Homicides

FIRST PRECINCT

John Barbara, aged 38, of 27 Penfield Street, was shot and killed about 5:25 P.M., April 6, 1938. At the time Barbara was sitting in the tavern at 272 Niagara Street, conducted by James V. Genco. Two men entered the place and started firing at Barbara, several shots taking effect, causing death. Frank Quelch, age 28, of St. Catharines, Ontario, a witness to the shooting, attempted to aid Barbara, and was shot in the right hand.

The two men escaped from the tavern and have not been arrested up to this time. Indictments charging Murder First Degree were returned by the Grand Jury.

SECOND PRECINCT

About 11:45 P.M., April 26, 1938, George Hawkins, colored, age 42, of 211 Clinton Street, was stabbed in the heart with a small pen knife by Estelle Stroman, his common-law wife, who lived with him at this address.

The couple were in their living quarters at the time and became involved in a quarrel, which resulted in the woman stabbing Hawkins. At 1 o'clock the next morning the Emergency Hospital ambulance was called and the man was taken to that hospital where he died at 2:45 A.M.

Estelle Stroman was arrested by police of the Second Precinct and the Detective Bureau, and charged with Murder First Degree. She was indicted for Manslaughter First Degree. Later a plea of guilty to Assault Second Degree, was accepted from her. On November 18th Judge Harris of the Supreme Court sentenced her to the Women's Prison for a term of 2½ to 5 years, and fined her one thousand dollars.

During an argument in a flat at 269 Clinton Street, about 8:25 P.M., May 31, 1938, Alberta Turner, colored, age 19, was shot. Death resulted in the Emergency Hospital at 4:05 A.M., June 1, 1938. She had been estranged from her husband, William Turner, colored, age 22, for some time. The latter, who had been living at 24 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, went to his wife's flat, and shot her during the quarrel over their domestic difficulties.

Turner fled the scene but on June 5th he was arrested by detectives of the Automobile Squad, on a charge of Murder First Degree. On June 15th the Grand Jury indicted Turner for Murder First Degree. Later he was permitted to plead guilty to Murder Second Degree and on July 18th, Judge Larkin sentenced him to Attica Prison for a term of twenty years to life.

THIRD PRECINCT

About 3 P.M., Janaury 19, 1938, Mrs. Sadie Fox, proprietress of a rooming house at 91 Prospect Avenue, attracted by groans from a room occupied by William L. Bedford, age 45, went into the room and found Bedford bleeding from the abdomen. Mrs. Fox notified the police and he was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where examination disclosed that Bedford was suffering from a gunshot wound. He died at 5:45 P.M. that day.

On January 24, 1938, detectives of the Homicide Squad, arrested Joseph Wieczorek, age 19, of 125 Gates Avenue, Lackawanna, N. Y., on a charge of Murder First Degree. It developed that Wieczorek shot Bedford about 9:20 P.M. the day previous, during an argument that occurred in the vestibule of the house at the above address.

On February 4th the defendant was indicted for Manslaughter First Degree; later he plead guilty to the charge. On May 3rd Judge Hinkley sentenced him to Attica Prison for a term of ten to twenty years.

FOURTH PRECINCT

About 12:45 P.M., August 27, 1938, Walter Scott, age 38, a roomer at 430 Jefferson Avenue, was seriously stabbed about the upper part of the body. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital where he died on September 8th.

The stabbing was the outcome of a drunken quarrel between Scott and John Davis, colored, age 51, another roomer at the same address. Davis escaped from the house, but was later arrested by officers from the Detective Bureau, and charged with Manslaughter First Degree. He gave his home address as 2217 Woodlawn Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. After the arrest of Davis, it developed that he was wanted in Chicago, Illinois, for Murder. On September 23rd, he was turned over to the Chicago Police, and returned there for trial.

FIFTH PRECINCT

Phillip Russo, age 53, of 971 West Avenue, was shot in the abdomen and neck about 8:58 P.M., April 3, 1938, while in the yard rear of 1226 Niagara Street. He was removed to the Columbus Hospital, where he died at 1:40 P.M. the next day.

Op April 11, 1938, Detective Bureau officers arrested Cologero Butera, age 42, of 971 West Avenue, and accused him of the Murder. According to Russo, the shooting was the outcome of an argument he had with Butera. The latter was accepting aid from the Welfare Department and was also the owner of the property at 971 West Avenue, and was afraid that Russo would inform the authorities of the fact.

Butera was charged with Murder First Degree and so indicted. A plea of guilty to Manslaughter First Degree was accepted from him on October 27th, Judge Rowe sentenced him to Attica Prison for a term of five to ten years.

About 12:45 A.M., September 17, 1938, Julia Knox, age 29, of 236 Parkdale Avenue, was shot while in her apartment at that address. She was removed to the Lafayette General Hospital, where she died at 2 A.M. the same day, from bullet wounds in the neck and left wrist.

The revolver used was the property of James Sullivan, age 28, of 288 Fifteenth Street, employed as a watchman at the Ford Plant. He was keeping company with Miss Knox, and was with her in the apartment at the time, and took her to the hospital after the shooting. Officers from the Detective Bureau and Fifth Precinct placed Sullivan under arrest on a charge of Murder First Degree. He was indicted for Manslaughter First Degree. Case is pending.

SIXTH PRECINCT

About 12:05 A.M., February 6, 1938, Patrolman Clayton W. Clark, of the Sixth Precinct, residing at 383 Skillen Street, received injuries while making an arrest and died in the Sisters Hospital at 7 A.M., February 8th.

Police of the Sixth Precinct placed a charge of Manslaughter First Degree against William E. Woods, age 29, of 805 W. Ferry Street, a salesman, who was drunk and disorderly at 1147 Main Street, and who was accused of kicking the officer in the chest and right leg.

On March 4th the Grand Jury returned a "No Bill" and Woods was released.

EIGHTH PRECINCT

About 1:45 A.M., December 25, 1938, Stella Mazelkiewicz, age 33, of 15 Pink Street, estranged wife of Ted Mazelkiewicz, age 52, of 233 Shumway Street, was slashed about the throat with a razor, by her husband, and died a short time later. Florence Brown, age 22, niece of Mrs. Mazelkiewicz, also of 15 Pink Street, was slashed about the face.

The dead woman had been separated from her husband about a year because of family differences. She and her niece attended midnight mass at a nearby church, and shortly after they left the house for the church, Ted Mazelkiewicz came there and remained until the women returned from the service. He immediately attacked them using a straight razor. He then slashed his own throat inflicting severe injuries.

Mazelkiewicz and Florence Brown were removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he was held under police guard, pending result of his injuries.

FIFTEENTH PRECINCT

About 8:10 A.M., May 27, 1938, the dead body of a man about 52 years of age, was found in a field at the foot of Smith Street, about 200 feet northwest of the Nickel Plate Railroad.

James Griffin, railroad employe, of 475 Hopkins Street, discovered the body and notified the police.

The man had been murdered by hitting him on the back of the head with a fish plate (railroad track equipment), crushing his skull, and stabbing him several times in left side of the chest.

Identification was made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A check of finger prints disclosed that the body was that of Raffil N. Maffeono, who had resided at various addresses in New York City, and who had been arrested a number of times for vagrancy, train riding, etc.

Case unsolved.

TABLE VI

Persons Charged With Certain Offenses, by Age and Sex

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Totals			Under 16 Juveniles		16		17		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		Over 44	
1	2			3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
	M	F	Both Sexes	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Felonious Homicide:																							
a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	9	1	10							1		1		2	1			1		3		1	
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	9		9							1		4				3				1			
2. Rape	72		72	3		4		5		7		27		12		6		3		2		3	
3. Robbery	74		74	3		1				10		22		18		12		5		2		1	
4. Aggravated Assault	167	28	195	3		2		1		5		6	3	26	6	27	11	33	3	24	3	40	2
5. Burglary—Breaking and Entering	375	1	376	121	1	34		29		60		56		19		22		21		5		8	
6. Larceny—Theft (Ex. Autos.)	947	240	1187	145	9	44	8	40	8	60	12	153	35	89	36	107	27	85	28	89	31	135	46
7. Auto Theft	197	3	200	28		17		13		32		45		25	2	13	1	7		7		10	
8. Other Assaults	1378	197	1575	11		8	2	8		49	13	218	32	231	36	216	30	196	14	174	19	267	51
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting	55	11	66			1		2	1	1	1	12	1	7	3	10	3	9	2	7		6	
10. Embezzlement and Fraud	65	15	80									13	2	10	2	6	4	11	5	13	1	12	1
11. Stolen Property—Buying, Receiving, Possessing, etc.	98	3	101	7		1		5		15		11		9		14		10	1	11	1	15	1
12. Weapons—Carrying, Possessing	94	7	101	7		5		1		9	1	18	1	10	1	10	2	12	1	6		16	1
13. Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	80	458	538		7				1	2	3	7	74	12	125	17	96	18	75	13	34	11	43
14. Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	76	7	83	7				1		3		5	4	12	1	19	1	7	1	8		14	
15. Offenses Against Family and Children	883	1	884	7		3		2		9		96		146	1	170		138		121		191	
16. Narcotic Drug Laws	21	2	23							1		4		1	2	6		5		2		2	
17. Liquor Laws	138	45	183	1	1					1	1	8	4	17	5	15	2	20	13	33	5	43	13
18. Drunkenness	4042	222	4264						1	10	2	88	12	250	24	452	25	617	37	745	51	1880	70
19. Disorderly Conduct	2975	499	3474	62	29	29	13	28	19	114	31	320	69	362	62	416	79	455	68	363	41	826	88
20. Vagrancy	2205	248	2453	5		22	3	49	5	187	16	401	46	288	55	289	45	298	32	232	13	434	33
21. Gambling	559	15	574			3		2		9	1	62		125	4	112	2	104	5	48	2	94	1
Totals	14519	2003	16522	410	47	174	26	186	36	586	81	1577	283	1671	366	1942	328	2055	285	1909	201	4009	350

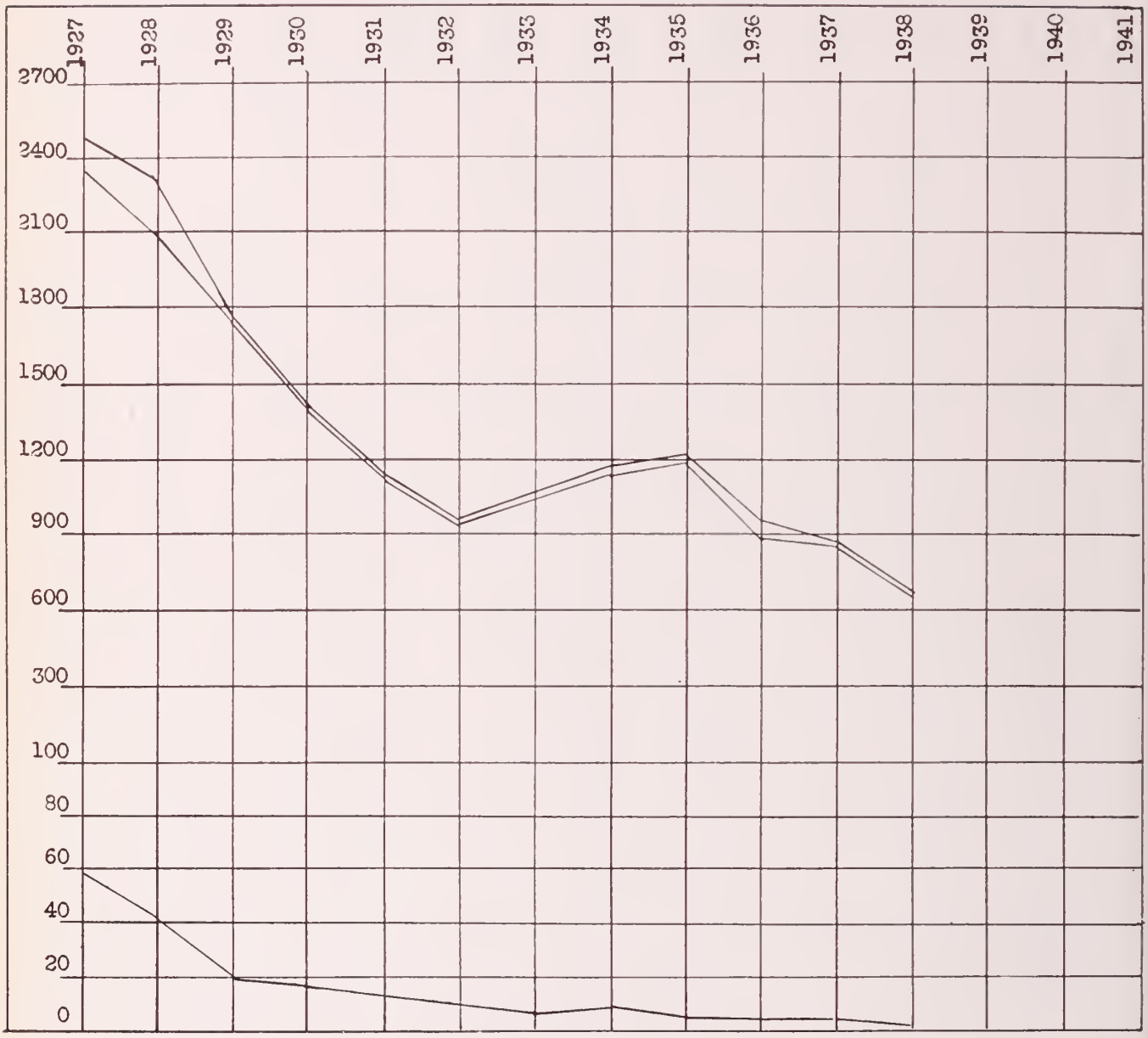
TABLE VII

Persons Charged With Certain Offenses, by Nativity, Color and Sex

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Totals			Native Born—White						Foreign Born—White		7 Negro		Indian, Chinese, Japanese, All Others	
				Of Native Parentage		Of Foreign Parentage		Of Mixed Parentage							
1	2			3		4		5		6				8	
	M	F	Total	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Felonious Homicide:															
a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	9	1	10	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	9	.....	9	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
2. Rape	72	.....	72	31	.....	26	.....	3	.....	3	.....	9	.....	.....	.....
3. Robbery	74	.....	74	35	.....	15	.....	1	.....	3	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
4. Aggravated Assault	167	28	195	55	4	38	3	4	2	26	1	44	18	.....	.....
5. Burglary—Breaking and Entering	375	1	376	195	1	117	.....	2	.....	17	.....	44	.....	.....	.....
6. Larceny—Theft (Except Autos)	947	240	1187	468	119	239	42	7	.....	95	32	135	46	3	1
7. Auto Theft	197	3	200	112	1	41	.....	1	.....	14	.....	29	2	.....	.....
8. Other Assaults	1378	197	1575	682	73	312	70	4	.....	184	31	194	23	2	.....
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting	55	11	66	31	6	15	3	.....	1	2	1	6	.....	1	.....
10. Embezzlement and Fraud	65	15	80	50	9	7	5	.....	.....	5	.....	2	.....	1	1
11. Stolen Property—Buying, Receiving, Possessing, etc.	98	3	101	34	1	34	.....	.....	.....	11	1	19	1	.....	.....
12. Weapons—Carrying, Possessing, etc.	94	7	101	38	2	17	2	1	.....	13	.....	25	3	.....	.....
13. Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	80	458	538	27	215	13	27	.....	.....	12	10	28	204	.....	.....
14. Sex Offenses (Except Rape)	76	7	83	41	2	21	2	1	.....	9	3	4	.....	.....	.....
15. Offenses Against Family and Children	883	1	884	511	.....	172	1	9	.....	83	.....	105	.....	3	.....
16. Narcotic Drug Laws	21	2	23	7	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	9	1	.....	.....
17. Liquor Laws	138	45	183	41	13	23	12	.....	.....	20	10	54	10	.....	.....
18. Drunkenness	4042	222	4264	2578	142	497	14	2	.....	470	16	432	40	63	10
19. Disorderly Conduct	2975	499	3474	1762	241	474	100	3	1	260	40	445	105	31	12
20. Vagrancy	2205	248	2453	981	114	322	16	.....	.....	217	16	663	97	22	5
21. Gambling	559	15	574	288	5	151	3	1	.....	44	.....	70	7	5	.....
Totals	14519	2003	16522	7973	949	2541	300	39	4	1494	161	2341	558	131	31

NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES STOLEN AND RECOVERED

By Years



Legend:

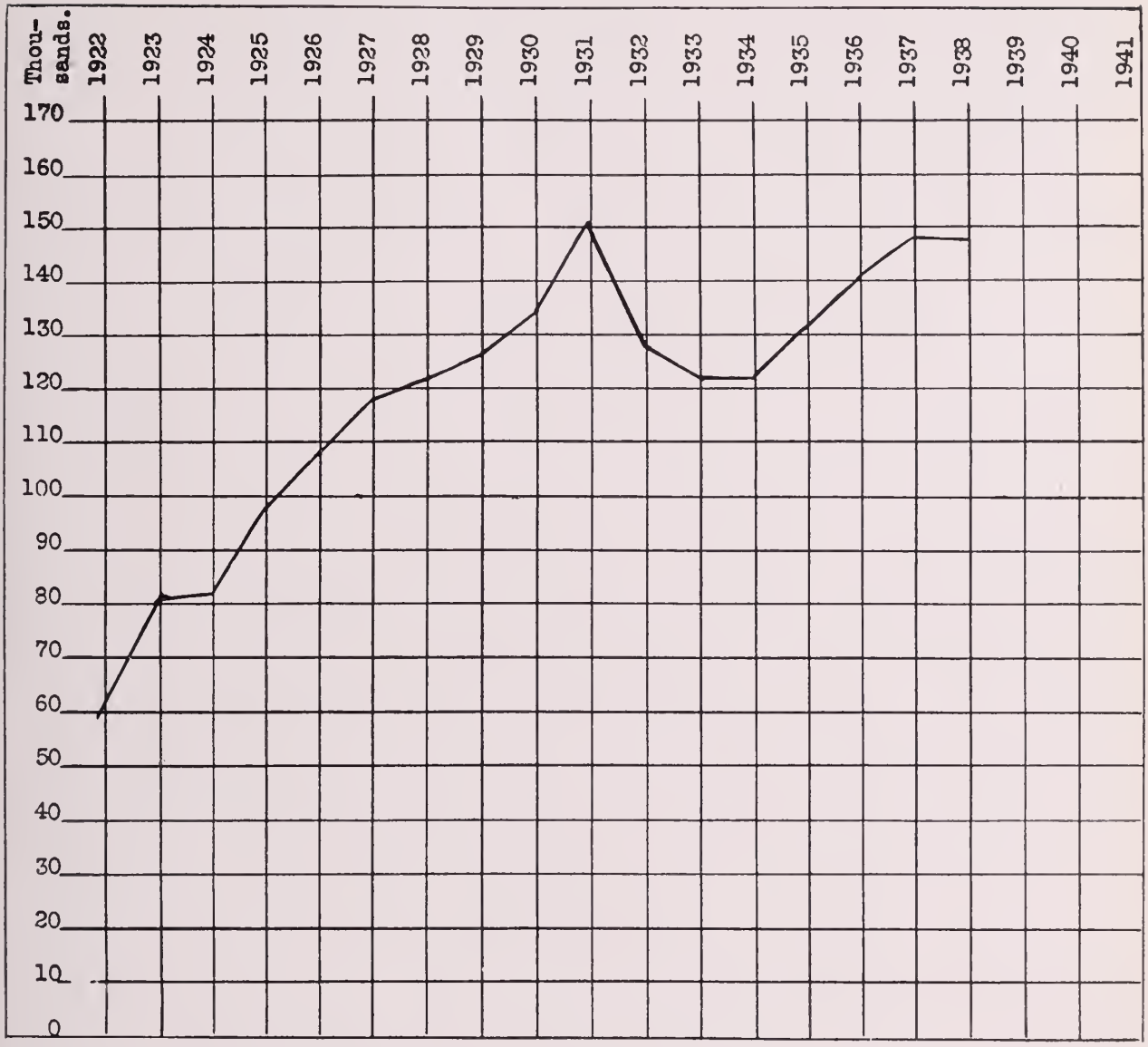
Top line indicates number of automobiles stolen.

Second line indicates number of automobiles recovered.

Bottom line indicates number of automobiles recovered, stolen previous years.

* REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES, INCLUDING TRUCKS

By Years



(*) Registration for the City of Buffalo

TABLE VIII

Automobile Thefts and Recoveries

	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931
1. Automobiles Reported Stolen in City	661	908	923	1151	1145	984	973	1136
a. Recovered by Auto Theft Division	180	291	290	404	268	133	486	545
b. Recovered by Other Officers	357	451	520	549	707	721	325	415
c. Recovered by Authorities of Other Jurisdictions	113	153	96	173	140	107	141	158
2. Total Recovered Stolen in City (Including Item 4)	650	895	906	1126	1130	968	952	1118
3. Percent of Stolen Cars Recovered	98.3	98.5	98.1	97.8	97.3	97.6	97.8	97.0
4. Number Recovered, Stolen Other Years, (Including Item 2)	2	9	7	7	15	7	10	13
5. Number of Automobiles Recovered for Other Jurisdictions	57	79	46	50	61	42	49	102
6. Automobile Registration for Erie County (Pleasure Vehicles)	177,598	178,626	167,830	158,600	153,340	155,985	159,484	188,282

Personnel of Auto Squad, year 1931	1 lieutenant, 14 detectives
Personnel of Auto Squad, years 1932 and 1933	1 lieutenant, 16 detectives
Personnel of Auto Squad, year 1934	4 lieutenants, 14 detectives, 5 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Squad, years 1935 and 1936	4 lieutenants, 11 detectives, 11 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Squad, year 1937	4 lieutenants, 11 detectives, 11 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Squad, year 1938	1 lieutenant, 8 detectives, 13 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Record Bureau, years 1931 to 1934	1 desk lieutenant, 7 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Record Bureau, year 1935	1 desk lieutenant, 6 patrolmen
Personnel of Auto Record Bureau, years 1936, 1937, 1938	1 desk lieutenant, 5 patrolmen

SQUAD DETAILS

Patrolmen

	Total	HD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Precinct Motorcycles **	24			2	1	2		2	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	2			3
Mounted Squad *	25	25																	
Traffic Squad *	61	54	2					2	1				1	1					
Accident Division *	27	27																	
Headquarters—Vice and Gambling *	9	2	2		1		1				2				1				
Precinct Radio Cars *	135		6	10	9	10	10	10	3	8	6	10	8	7	10	3	10	7	8
Crime Prevention Bureau *	7	7																	
Totals	288	115	10	12	11	12	11	14	5	10	9	12	11	11	12	5	10	7	11

* Squads on duty the year around. ** Motorcycle men used on that duty approximately 8 months and on patrol duty balance of year.

Narcotic Squad

Personnel—One Detective and one Acting Detective under the supervision of the Lieutenant who is also in command of the Auto Theft Division.

Investigations were made at 37 addresses and locations in the city during the year, resulting in 35 arrests for violation of sections of the Public Health Law and sections of other laws covering the possession and sale of narcotics. The greater part of these arrests were for possession and sale of marihuana.

Number of arrests		35
Number of prisoners sentenced to Penitentiary	11	
Number of prisoners on whom sentence was suspended	7	
Total number of convictions		18
Number of prisoners discharged		14
Number of cases pending		2

One prisoner died while the case was pending.

In addition to the above the following marihuana seizures and destructions were made by the squad:

May 25—At West Seneca: 110 marihuana plants—about 60 pounds destroyed.

July 16—In Buffalo: Several thousand marihuana plants covering about ten acres. About four tons were destroyed.

Sept. 12—At Dunkirk, N. Y.: 200 marihauna plants; about 125 pounds destroyed.

Sept. 20—In Buffalo: 200 marihuana plants; about 450 pounds destroyed.

Polygraph (lie detector)

The Polygraph was first used in this department on May 12, 1936.

Total number of cases to December 31, 1938	535
Number of cases—polygraph helpful in solution	409
Subjects examined	1027
Subjects indicated deception	334
Subjects indicated deception, confessed	283
Subjects indicated deception, no confession, proven guilty	27
Subjects indicated deception, proven innocent	0
Subjects indicated deception, discharged in court for lack of evidence	24
False confessions	1
Subjects indicated no deception	604
Subjects indicated no deception, proven innocent	601
Subjects indicated no deception, confessed	1
Subjects indicated no deception, proven guilty	3
Subjects polygrams doubtful	44
Subjects confessed before test	16
Subjects refused test	2
Subjects physically or mentally unfit to render a clear graph	17
Subjects tested, general questions, not connected with any particular crime	45
Subjects confessed, after test, later repudiated	1

The polygraph has demonstrated its value as a scientific aid in criminal investigation many times here. The instrument not only has been helpful in obtaining confessions of guilt from accused persons, but has often assisted in establishing the innocence of persons thought to have been involved in criminal activities.

TABLE IX

Value of Property Lost or Stolen and Recovered by Police Department
(Automobiles Not Included)

1	Total Value 2	Total Value 3
Property Reported Lost or Stolen in City	$185,249.49	
a. Recovered by Pawn Shop Squad		$ 7,776.00
b. Recovered or Found by Other Police Units		35,538.45
Total Property Recovered—Stolen or Lost in City		43,314.45
Property Recovered for Other Jurisdictions by Pawn shop Squad		1,868.00
Property Recovered for Other Jurisdictions by Other Police Units		4,615.95
Total Property Recovered for Other Jurisdictions		6,483.95
Total Property Recovered or Found by the Department		$49,798.40

TABLE X

Miscellaneous Services Rendered by the Police Department

	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934
1. Doors Found and Reported Open	2,994	2,470	2,921	2,818	2,837
2. Persons Reported Missing	759	899	948	910	1,096
3. Missing Persons Located	734	844	910	879	1,068
4. Fires Discovered	32	38	43	44	60
5. Lamp Outages Reported	20,384	28,065	33,520	43,628	47,967
6. Non-Criminal Complaints Investigated	29,459	23,110	23,407	21,843	20,270
7. Non-Vehicular Accidents	512	361	350	365	358
8. Apprehensions for Other Jurisdictions	337	395	399	445	403
9. Lunacy Cases Handled	142	128	147	126	185
10. Suicide Cases Investigated	83	86	95	87	85
11. Sudden Deaths Investigated	250	224	245	230	219
12. Lost Children Found by Police	237	318	372	437	457
13. Notices Delivered for N. Y. State Emp. Bur.	2,945				
14. Ambulance Service:					
a. No. of Runs for Prisoners	4,205	4,479	5,558	4,618	5,491
b. No. of Runs for Sick and Injured	451	669	803	732	868
c. No. of Fires Attended		3	3	273	1,060
d. Other Runs	6,717	8,252	9,168	8,901	8,918

Summary of Missing Persons

Number of Males 16 and Over Reported Missing		334
Number of Males 16 and Over Accounted for		322
Number of Males Under 16 Reported Missing		181
Number of Males Under 16 Accounted for		179
Total Male Persons Reported Missing		515
Total Male Persons Accounted for		501
Number of Females 16 and Over Reported Missing		157
Number of Females 16 and Over Accounted for		150
Number of Females Under 16 Reported Missing		87
Number of Females Under 16 Accounted for		83
Total Persons Missing		244
Total Female Persons Accounted for		233
Grand Total of Persons Reported Missing		759
Grand Total of Persons Accounted for		734
Number Not Accounted for		25

TABLE X-A

Criminal Identification

	1937	1938
Identification of criminals arrested locally	35	53
Identification of criminals arrested elsewhere	50	76
New prisoners photographed	1,927	1,386
Repeaters photographed	1,216	1,040
Total	3,143	2,426
Pictures made of above	17,137	13,862
Photo copies made	84	101
Fingerprint copies made	13	35
Special officers photographed and fingerprinted	67	54
Extra pictures of prisoners made	841	1,052
Miscellaneous photographs	18	12
Scenes of crimes photographed	56	60
Pictures obtained at scenes of crimes	211	206
Scenes of crimes investigated for latent fingerprints	156	279
Latent fingerprints obtained and photographed	56	80
Outside photographs taken for City Building Inspection Department	26	20
Scenes photographed for City Building Inspection Department	495	346

1937

PHOTOGRAPH FILE:

Number on File December 31, 1936		45,272
Made and Filed during 1937	1,927	
Received from Other Authorities and Filed	637	
Number on File December 31, 1937		47,836

FINGERPRINT FILE:

Number on File December 31, 1936		52,657
Made and Filed during 1937	2,014	
Received from Other Authorities and Filed	637	
Number on File December 31, 1937		55,308

PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS SENT TO:

Bureau of Investigation—	
U. S. Department of Justice	3,143
State Bureau of Identification	3,143
Other Cities and States	125

1938

PHOTOGRAPH FILE:

Number on File December 31, 1937		47,836
Made and Filed during 1938	1386	
Received from Other Authorities and Filed	978	
Number on File December 31, 1938		50,200

FINGERPRINT FILE:

Number on File December 31, 1937		55,308
Made and Filed during 1938	1,448	
Received from Other Authorities and Filed	978	
Number on File December 31, 1938		57,734

PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS SENT TO:

Bureau of Investigation—	
U. S. Department of Justice	2,426
State Bureau of Identification	2,426
Other Cities and States	140

TABLE XI

Distribution of Plant and Equipment

NATURE OF INFORMATION	Totals	PRECINCTS									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2										
Assessed Valuation of Building (not including land)		See Note	$42,340	See Note	$28,600	$39,600	$21,550	$23,720	$57,200	$16,500	$23,930
Year Built			1915		1891	1895	1883	1879	1915	1885	1891
Area in Square Miles	42.53	1.65	.72	.87	.78	2.19	2.72	3.90	1.56	3.59	1.38
Area in Acres	27,219.20	1,056.0	460.8	556.8	449.2	1,401.6	1,740.8	2,496.0	988.4	2,297.6	883.2
Lineal Miles of Streets	651.55	16.81	21.47	26.43	20.91	39.10	54.79	24.13	38.85	52.01	24.31
Population	573,075	17,500	14,885	20,919	26,062	45,180	51,174	15,049	48,311	30,074	32,129
Number of Ambulances	6	1			1				1	1	
Number of Automobiles	81	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Number of Motor Trucks	24										
Number of Motorcycles	38										
Gamewell Boxes and Booths	71									20	
Flashlight Signals	684	59	35	54	40	71	85	29	40		62
Departmental Telephones	910	62	37	58	43	74	88	30	43	24	65
Trunk Lines	49	1	2	1	4	2	5	1	1	1	1
Switchboards	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Power Plants	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Storage Batteries	628	13	24	13	24	26	26	24	26		24
Bank and Pawn Shop Alarms	43	32		10	2						
Morse Telegraph Stations	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fire Alarm Gongs	14	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1
Synchronous Clocks	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Master Clocks	2										
Aerial Wire (Signal System) Miles	65										
Underground Cable (5 to 125 pairs) Miles	102.24	7.08	5.68	10.10	6.32	12.87	16.66	1.00	4.26		9.02
Aerial Cable (Signal) System Miles	6.15										
Aerial Cable (Traffic) Miles	14.00										
Intersections Controlled by Traffic Signals	252										
Traffic Signals	292										
Traffic Control Units	240										
Traffic Signals (Chronoplan)	44										
Traffic Signals (Synchronized)	23										
Master Control Units	4										
Master Control Switchboards	0										
Steel Poles	316										
Wood Poles	41										
Illuminated Signs	58										
Safety Zones	3			1					2		
Lamp Standards on Safety Zones	2								2		
Beacon Lights on Safety Zones	4			2					2		

Note: New Police Headquarters Building completed in 1937; also housing Precincts No. 1 and 3, assessed value $772,790.00

TABLE XI (Continued)

Distribution of Plant and Equipment

NATURE OF INFORMATION	Totals	PRECINCTS 3									
1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	H. D.	Ferry Street Garage	Misc.
Assessed Valuation of Building (not including land)		$24,000	$52,800	$30,820	$17,875	$14,070	$32,500	$12,500	$772,790	$115,800	
Year Built		1885	1911	1894	1885	1902	1925	1927	1937	1921	
Area in Square Miles	42.53	3.15	3.55	3.05	3.35	3.86	3.23	2.98			
Area in Acres	27,219.20	2,016.0	2,272.0	1,952.0	2,144.0	2,470.0	2,067.2	1,907.2			
Lineal Miles of Streets	651.55	42.19	46.26	41.74	51.29	40.89	65.11	45.26			
Population	573,075	37,909	62,407	38,340	29,712	26,869	47,620	28,605			
Number of Ambulances	6		1	1							
Number of Automobiles	81	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	34	13	
Number of Motor Trucks	24									24	
Number of Motorcycles	33								37	1	
Gamewell Boxes and Booths	71	12		22		17					
Flashlight Signals	684	11	54		51		51	42			
Departmental Telephones	910	24	57	26	52	19	52	43	57	14	42
Trunk Lines	49	1	4		4		3	2	16		
Switchboards	14		1		1		1	1			
Storage Batteries	628		24		24		24	24	320	12	
Power Plants	13		1		1		1	1	1		
Bank and Pawn Shop Alarms	44										
Morse Telegraph Stations	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	
Fire Alarm Gongs	14	1	1	1					3	Joker	
Synchronous Clocks	40				1		1	1	25	3	
Underground Cable (5 to 125 pairs) Miles	102.24		7.75		9.75		5.50	6.25			

TABLE XI-A

Financial Statement for the Year 1938

I. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE			$ 3,178,229.86
1. Personal Service (Salaries and Wages)		$ 2,858,277.37	
a. General Administration	$ 380,173.48		
b. Patrol	1,793,801.75		
c. Traffic	208,745.64		
d. Criminal Investigation	250,519.88		
e. Care of Buildings and Equipment	225,036.62		
2. Contractural Services		19,013.19	
a. Communication and Transportation	18,053.19		
b. Other Contractural Services	960.00		
3. Commodities		110,939.30	
a. Supplies and Services	105,406.39		
b. Materials	5,532.91		
4. Current Charges and Obligations		190,000.00	
a. Pensions and Retirements	190,000.00		
b. Other Charges			
II. PROPERTIES ACQUIRED			35,026.33
5. Equipment		35,026.33	
6. Buildings and Improvements			
7. Land			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			$ 3,213,256.19

Accident Division

On January 1, 1938, the personnel of this division consisted of a lieutenant in charge, one desk lieutenant, one patrolman detailed to office duty, and six investigating officers, divided into three squads of two men each, working eight hour periods.

It was soon evident that this number could not cover all phases of accident investigation, so from time to time more men were added until the personnel reached a total of thirty men. With this force it is possible to give proper attention to all fatal and personal injury accidents, and to inquire into the cause of the serious property damage accidents reported. Prior to this time the department did not have reports on all accidents occurring in the city, which was a handicap in spotting the dangerous locations. With the view of correcting this fault, the public was invited to co-operate by reporting property damage as well as personal injury accidents to the police. The locations were then noted on a spot map, and measures taken to correct any conditions found hazardous to traffic.

Early in the year a member of the division took a course of instruction in the Traffic Safety Institute at Northwestern University. At the conclusion of which he was assigned to instruct his fellow officers in accident prevention and investigation. Other courses of instruction were also given during the year. The services of an expert in First Aid were placed at our disposal by the American Red Cross Society, and classes in both standard and advanced courses were held. At their conclusion many of our men were considered qualified "First Aiders."

The importance of training the men in a knowledge of brake testing and safety appliances was next considered. Each man was given instructions by a competent engineer at the plant of the Wagner Electric Company, under actual working conditions, and after completion of the course became a qualified inspector. The knowledge thus acquired has been the means of obtaining convictions of erring motorists, not obtainable otherwise.

A competent photographer is now a member of the squad. He is in charge of taking pictures at the scene of serious accidents, and the development of the same. Members of the squad have been instructed in the use of the camera, and have become quite expert in taking pictures before the removal of wreckage, which have proved their value in court, when the testimony offered was uncertain and could not be relied upon. During the last half of the year, 275 pictures were taken in connection with accident cases. Incidentally they have been a great aid in educating the school children and adults, and keeping them mindful of the ever present danger to life and limb, on our public thoroughfares.

During the year the Motor Vehicle Bureau, acting on complaints submitted by the division, suspended or revoked 828 drivers' licenses. Cooperating with the City License Division members investigated and approvped 941 taxi-cab licenses.

Reports on conditions found at certain locations considered "danger spots", were turned in to the Traffic Safety Commission, as were suggestions to improve the flow of traffic.

The office of the division receives a large number of complaints requiring investigation. It has suitable equipment for filing accident reports, indexing names of injured persons, names of drivers involved in accidents, and has a file showing accident locations, and the real danger spots in the city.

Among other activities of the division was the indictment of eleven persons for presenting fraudulent insurance claims. Pleas of guilty were accepted from five defendants, while six cases were pending at the end of the year. A total of 325 "hit and run" cases were reported to the department during the year, of which number 209 were cleared by the arrest of the offenders. A substantial decrease in the number of persons killed in traffic accidents was noticed the number being 41 less than the year previous. The decrease in the number injured was 335.

The Accident Division wishes to thank the following departments for their valued cooperation given during the year:

The City Court for designating a special court for hearing accident cases, the Motor Vehicle Bureau, the Traffic Safety Commission, the Police Training School, and the various groups interested in this movement.

ACCIDENT DIVISION (Continued)

Summary of Activities

INVESTIGATIONS:

From the Commissioner's Office	27
From the Motor Vehicle Bureau	85
Fatalities	94
Other Accidents	4276
Miscellaneous	88

ARRESTS:

For Criminal Negligence	9
For Driving While Drunk	208
For Driving While Under the Influence of Liquor	64
For Hit and Run	77
For Other Violations of V. & T. Law and City Traffic Ordinances in Connection With Accidents Investigated	910
For Felonies	16
For Miscellaneous Charges	251

WITH MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU:

Revocation of Drivers Licenses Requested	828
Revoked	245
Suspended	642
Restored	34
Criminal Records Checked	1755
Drivers Licenses Approved	183
Disapproved	254
Communications Answered	173

Further accident statistics are given in Table XII of this report.

* MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Number of Persons Injured and Killed

* Including Automobiles, Trucks and Motorcycles

TABLE XII

Accident Summary, Year 1938, City of Buffalo, N. Y.

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	TYPE OF ACCIDENT AND AGE GROUP												
	Number of Accidents			Number of Persons Killed					Number of Persons Injured				
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-64	65-over	All Ages	0-4	5-14	15-64	65-over
TRAFFIC TOTAL	2643	89	2554	89	6	9	49	25	3228	172	577	2321	158
MOTOR VEHICLE TOTAL	2605	83	2522	83	5	8	47	23	3196	169	563	2310	154
Collision with pedestrian	1241	61	1180	61	5	8	25	23	1235	126	438	571	100
Collision with motor vehicle	1028	12	1016	12	0	0	12	0	1544	33	63	1399	49
Collision with railroad train	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	5	0
Collision with electric car	59	2	57	2	0	0	2	0	80	4	5	71	0
Collision with bicycle	135	2	133	2	0	0	2	0	139	2	50	86	1
Collision with horsedrawn vehicle	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	3	1
Collision with fixed object	99	2	97	2	0	0	2	0	142	0	5	135	2
Non-Collision	34	4	30	4	0	0	4	0	45	2	2	40	1
OTHER TRAFFIC TOTAL	38	6	32	6	1	1	2	2	32	3	14	11	4
Railroad not with motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electric car not with motor vehicle	17	5	12	5	1	1	1	2	12	0	2	10	0
Other vehicle not with motor vehicle	21	1	20	1	0	0	1	0	20	3	12	1	4

CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING OCCURRENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Location	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Total Accidents	2605	83	2522
At Intersection	1312	36	1276
Not at Intersection	1293	47	1246

Type of Vehicle	NUMBER OF VEHICLES Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Passenger Car	3229	83	3146
Truck	379	8	371
Taxicab	48	0	48
Bus	31	1	30
Motorcycle	25	3	22
Not Stated	26	2	24

COMPARISON OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Killed	Injured	Year	Accidents Reported	Fatal	Non-Fatal
105	3437	1936	2817	103	2714
128	3542	1937	2957	128	2829
83	3196	1938	2605	83	2522

TABLE XII (Continued)

Circumstances Attending Occurrence of Motor Vehicle Accidents

Circumstances	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal
TIME			
Total accidents	2605	83	2522
12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	327	14	313
6:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	164	3	161
9:01 a.m. to 12:00 noon	225	4	221
12:01 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	375	8	367
3:01 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	650	15	635
6:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	555	22	533
9:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight	309	17	292
RESIDENCE OF DRIVERS			
Total drivers	3738	97	3641
Residents of city	3083	80	3003
Residents elsewhere in same state	565	14	551
Residents of some other state	57	1	56
Not stated	33	2	31
AGE OF DRIVERS			
Total drivers	3738	97	3641
Under 20	203	4	199
20-29	1381	36	1345
30-49	1537	39	1498
50-64	392	9	383
65 and over	73	4	69
Not stated	152	5	147
SEX OF DRIVERS			
Total drivers	3738	97	3641
Male	3311	82	3229
Female	327	11	316
Not stated	100	4	96
WHAT DRIVER WANTED TO DO			
Total motor vehicles	3738	97	3641
Making right turn	106	2	104
Making left turn	313	3	310
Making "U" turn	2	1	1
Going straight ahead	2902	87	2815
Slowing down or stopping	34	0	34
Leaving curb (including backing)	35	0	35
Other backing	71	0	71
Stopped in traffic	31	0	31
Parked	160	3	157
Not stated	84	1	83
MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS			
Total	158	6	152
Skidding	118	1	117
Blow-out	2	0	2
Ran off roadway	38	5	33
CONDITION OF VEHICLE			
Total motor vehicles	3738	97	3641
Defective brakes	73	11	62
Improper lights	6	0	6
Defective steering mechanism	8	0	8
Other defects	5	0	5
No defects	3212	75	3137
Not stated	434	11	423
CONDITION OF DRIVER			
Total drivers	3738	97	3641
Under influence of liquor	39	0	39
Physical defects (eyesight, etc.)	6	1	5
Other defects	1	0	1
No defects	1632	49	1583
Not stated	2060	47	2013

	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal
WHAT PEDESTRIANS WERE DOING			
Total Pedestrians	1296	61	1235
Crossing at intersection—			
With signal	83	1	82
Same—against signal	85	5	80
Same—no signal	272	16	256
Same—diagonally	14	0	14
Crossing—not at intersection	591	30	561
Hitching on vehicles	9	0	9
Playing in roadway	132	2	130
Walking in roadway	6	1	5
Working in roadway	11	0	11
Waiting for or getting on or off street car—			
Safety zone	20	2	18
Same—no safety zone	2	0	2
Getting on or off vehicle	4	0	4
Not in roadway	38	2	36
Not stated	29	2	27
IMPROPER DRIVING			
Total drivers	3738	97	3641
Exceeding speed limit	34	3	31
Did not have right of awy	105	4	101
Cutting in	7	0	7
On wrong side of road	76	2	74
Passing standing street car	4	1	3
Drove through safety zone	1	0	1
Passing on curve or hill	1	0	1
Failed to signal	18	0	18
Improper turn	4	0	4
Disregarded stop signs	51	0	51
Disregarded signal	10	0	10
Other improper driving	86	8	78
No improper driving	1359	39	1320
Not stated	1982	40	1942
CONDITION OF PEDESTRIAN			
Total pedestrians	1296	61	1235
Under influence of liquor	22	3	19
Physical defect (eyesight, etc.)	13	2	11
No defect	288	13	275
Not stated	973	43	930
ROAD CONDITIONS			
Total accidents	2605	83	2522
Road under repair	0	0	0
Other defects	1	0	1
Not stated	2604	83	2521
ROAD SURFACE			
Total accidents	2605	83	2522
Dry	1740	61	1679
Wet, snowy, icy, etc.	847	21	826
Not stated	18	1	17
WEATHER CONDITIONS			
Total accidents	2605	83	2522
Clear	1871	61	1810
Cloudy, fog, rain, snow	717	21	696
Not stated	17	1	16

Crime Prevention Bureau

This Bureau was established and started to function officially on March 15, 1938; it being felt that there was need for a constructive agency to combat Juvenile Delinquency; to constitute a program for the prevention of crime; and to train boys and girls under 16 years of age, in a spirit of co-operation with, and an understanding of the laws, and of the serious consequences to those found guilty of violating the law.

The Bureau is endeavoring to correct, eliminate and prevent community conditions adverse to the welfare of children, as well as safe-guarding the youth from influencing activities of the criminally inclined.

It handles all cases in which children under the age of sixteen are involved, and all records of investigations or apprehensions involving juveniles are now kept in this Bureau. We feel that the centralization of these cases to this Bureau is most essential for the success of any Crime Preventive program.

At the rpesent time, the personnel consists of a Captain, who is in charge; two Desk Lieutenants (clerical work); one Policewoman and seven Patrolmen. The Chairman of a civilian group has also been designated and additional members are expected to be selected in the near future. All members assigned to the Bureau work in civilian clothes. They speak various languages including Polish and Italian, and they receive special instructions and training in the methods of approach and inquiry in making their investigations. They operate as quietly and secretly as possible.

This Bureau works in close co-operation with the Juvenile Court and recognizes public and private social agencies directly engaged in child welfare work. At the present time there are 42 such agencies in Erie County.

While the Crime Prevention Bureau has been in operation for only nine and one-half months, its success has been outstanding, and we readily acknowledge that this has been largely due to the complete co-operation given by the many public and private agencies taking part in the various phases of this program.

Since the Bureau was established it has formed and is sponsoring four Boy Scout troops, and we propose to have at least one troop in each of our seventeen precincts. They meet in our precinct stationhouses under supervision of young active police officers who act as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. While the movement here is in its infancy, results obtained to date indicate that we can expect large dividends for our efforts. We feel that by winning the good-will and friendship of the youngsters, and by our association with them (which gives us an opportunity to impart messages of clean living, fair play and knowledge of and respect for the law) that it will be most valuable and beneficial in our crime prevention program.

During 1938 a voluntary bicycle registration movement was sponsored. Nearly eleven thousand bicycles were registered by our department. We believe this to be responsible for a reduction of 14.5 per cent in the number of bicycles reported stolen and an increase of 33 per cent in recoveries, in comparison with the record for 1937. An ordinance is now being prepared making it compulsory to register all bicycles and will become effective April 1, 1939. Registration plates will be furnished for a fee of fifteen cents. We feel sure that this ordinance will cause a further decrease in the number of bicycle thefts and an increased percentage in recoveries. We believe that this will help to remove a "cause" of delinquency, by making detection easier. It will also lessen the temptation to steal.

We believe we are progressing very favorably in our endeavors to eliminate so-called bad spots. Our officers visit pool rooms, taverns, carnivals, skating rinks, theatres and other places, and check to see that they are operated properly and that the proprietors or attendants are not allowing juveniles to frequent them in violation of the law. We endorse every movement that encourages clean, healthy and wholesome entertainment and recreation, and lend our assistance to any responsible group desiring the same.

In the office of the Bureau there is a large map of the City of Buffalo. The map shows the location of the recreational facilities such as parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, boys' clubs, community houses, boy scout troops, etc. The map is pin-marked showing the nature and location of the various complaints referred to the bureau.

Our Bureau furnishes speakers to address groups of children or adults and explain causes of delinquency and make suggestions that will assist in removing the causes.

Parents have been appreciative of the efforts made. Principals and teachers in the schools have welcomed co-operation. The boys and girls themselves exhibit a responsiveness that is encouraging. These, combined with the previously mentioned co-operation from agencies and civic groups, lead us to believe that the future holds large possibilities for the success of the preventive program.

The Crime Prevention Bureau starts the new year with high expectations. The members believe that by continued effort, greater progress will be made than was thought possible, in the early stages of its development.

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

JUVENILE CASES HANDLED

Tabulated by Age

OFFENSE CLASS	Under 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	Totals
Abandoned Children	2			1				3
Air Rifles	2	2	4	5	5	8	12	38
Alcohol Beverage Control Act						1	1	2
Arson—2nd Degree					1	1		2
Arson—3rd Degree	1				1	1		3
Assault—2nd Degree	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	14
Assault—3rd Degree	13	6	5	5	3	6	3	41
Assault 2nd—Rape 2nd Degree							1	1
Burglars Tools—Unlawful Possession							2	2
Burglary—1st Degree—Petit Larceny							1	1
Burglary 3rd Degree			1			2	3	6
Burglary 3rd Degree—Attempt			1	1	5	1	4	12
Burglary 3rd Deg.—Grand Larceny 1st Deg.						1	2	3
Burglary 3rd Deg.—Grand Larcey 2nd Deg.						2	1	3
Burglary 3rd Degree—Malicious Mischief	1		1		2	1		5
Burglary 3rd Degree—Petit Larceny	3	1	7	10	16	23	25	85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property					1	1	4	6
Dangerous Weapons					1	1		2
Disorderly Conduct	58	28	31	44	55	79	66	361
Escape							4	4
Extortion						1	1	2
False Alarms of Fire	8	3	4	3	2	2		22
Firearms—Unlawful Discharge					1		3	4
Firearms—Unlawful Possession				1		1		2
Grand Larceny—2nd Degree					1	2	12	15
Grand Larceny 2nd—No Operator's License						1	1	2
Grand Larceny 2nd—Malicious Mischief						1	1	2
Impairing Morals of Child	2			3	1	1	3	10
Indecent Exposure			1			2		3
Lost Children	12		1					13
Malicious Mischief	27	16	13	21	28	34	23	162
Material Witness	1		1	2	1	3	2	10
Miscellaneous		5	3	2	6	7	12	35
Petit Larceny	31	31	46	67	81	113	127	496
Petit Larceny—Malicious Mischief				5	2	2	2	11
Petit Larceny—Runaway							1	1
Prostitution—Voluntary							2	2
Public Intoxication							1	1
Rape—2nd Degree				1				1
Robbery—2nd Degree						1		1
Runaways	2	1	10	5	13	18	35	84
Sodomy			1	1			4	6
Sodomy—Attempt						1		1
Stealing from the Mails	3				2			5
Traffic Violations			2	2	1	4	7	16
Truancy	3	2	1		1	5	7	19
Ungovernable Child		2	1	2	4	11	13	33
Unlawful Entry	5	1	1	1	1	3	3	15
Unlawful Entry—Malicious Mischief	3		1	1	1	1	1	8
Unlawful Entry—Petit Larceny	1	3	4	2	5	5	1	21
Unlawful Intrusion	8	6	13	11	17	21	15	91
Unlawful Intrusion—Malicious Mischief		2	2	1		1		6
Unlawful Intrusion—Petit Larceny	3		1		1	7	7	19
Vagrancy							1	1
Violation of Parole						1		1
Violation of Probation						1		1
Totals	190	111	158	199	261	380	417	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled—Tabulated by Lineal Descent

OFFENSE	German	Irish	Italian	French	English	Polish	Ukrainian	Scotch	Negro	Canadian	Hungarian	Hebrew	Austrian	Swedish	Portugese	Slovak	Dutch	Bohemian	Russian	Welsh	Roumanian	Spanish	Syrian	Mexican	Finnish	Indian	Greek	Totals
Abandoned Children						3																					3
Air Rifles	8	5	5		1	9	7		1	2																	38
Alcoholic Beverage Control Act			1			1																					2
Arson—2nd Degree						2																					2
Arson—3rd Degree						3																					3
Assault—2nd Degree	5	1	1			5			1	1																	14
Assault—3rd Degree	6	11	7	1	3	7		1	3		1	1															41
Assault 2nd—Rape 2nd						1																					1
Burglar Tools—Unlawful Possession	1				1																						2
Burglary 1st—Petit Larceny					1																						1
Burglary 3rd Degree		3		1			2																				6
Burglary 3rd Degree—Attempt		2	5	1								1				2										1	12
Burglary 3rd—Grand Larceny 1st						3																					3
Burglary 3rd—Grand Larceny 2nd			1			2																					3
Burglary 3rd—Malicious Mischief	2				1					1																1	5
Burglary 3rd—Petit Larceny	9	17	11	3	4	29		1	4	5							1									1	85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property	4					1				1																	6
Dangerous Weapons						2																					2
Disorderly Conduct	65	71	49	8	30	60		6	38	7	3	11	1	1		1	2	6	1								361
Escape	1	1	1			1																					4
Extortion	1				1																						2
False Alarms of Fire	5	4	4	1	1	7																					22
Firearms—Unlawful Discharge	1					3																					4
Firearms—Unlawful Possession						1														1							2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree	4				3	3			3	1								1									15
Grand Larceny 2nd—No Operator's License		1	1																								2
Grand Larceny 2nd—Malicious Mischief						2																					2
Impairing Morals of Child	3		5									1			1												10
Totals Carried Forward	115	116	91	16	54	143	2	9	51	16	4	14	1	1	2	3	3	7	1	1						3	653

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled—Tabulated by Lineal Descent (Continued)

OFFENSE	German	Irish	Italian	French	English	Polish	Ukrainian	Scotch	Negro	Canadian	Hungarian	Hebrew	Austrian	Swedish	Portugese	Slovak	Dutch	Bohemian	Russian	Welsh	Roumanian	Spanish	Syrian	Mexican	Finnish	Indian	Greek	Totals
Totals Brought Forward	115	116	91	16	54	143	2	9	51	16	4	14	1	1	2	3	3	7	1	1							3	653
Indecent Exposure								1									1			1								3
Lost Children	3	2	1	1	2	3															1							13
Malicious Mischief	31	22	39	4	10	26		2	15	6	2	4										1						162
Material Witness	2		3	1		4																						10
Miscellaneous	4	4	10			7			7	3																		35
Petit Larceny	68	45	87	6	25	189	3	6	46	7	3	5				1							1	1	1	1	1	496
Petit Larceny—Malicious Mischief	1	2				5			3																			11
Petit Larceny—Runaway												1																1
Prostitution—Voluntary	1				1																							2
Public Intoxication	1																											1
Rape 2nd Degree						1																						1
Robbery 2nd Degree									1																			1
Runaways	4	10	21	4	11	14		4	9	1		5				1												84
Sodomy	1	2				1				2																		6
Sodomy—Attempt	1																											1
Stealing from the Mails	1	2				2																						5
Traffic Violations	2	3	2	2	3	2				1		1																16
Truancy	3	2	4			4			2		1	1															2	19
Ungovernable Child	3	4	8		6	3			6		2	1																33
Unlawful Entry	5	1	2		4			1											1			1						15
Unlawful Entry—Malicious Mischief	2	5	1																									8
Unlawful Entry—Petit Larceny	3	3	5		3	6				1																		21
Unlawful Intrusion	25	12	13	2	9	18		3	3	5																	1	91
Unlawful Intrusion—Malicious Mischief		3	2	1																								6
Unlawful Intrusion—Petit Larceny	2		7			9			1																			19
Vagrancy									1																			1
Violation of Parole			1																									1
Violation of Probation									1																			1
Totals	278	238	297	37	128	437	5	26	146	42	12	31	2	1	2	5	4	7	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled—Tabulated by Time of Occurrence

OFFENSE	A. M.												P. M.												
	12 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 9	9 10	10 11	11 12	12 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 9	9 10	10 11	11 12	Totals
Abandoned Children													3												3
Air Rifles											2	1	3	3	1	3	4	6	1	6	7		1		38
Alcohol Beverage Control Act															1		1								2
Arson 2nd Degree																								2	2
Arson 3rd Degree																						3			3
Assault 2nd Degree	1													1		4	1		1	2		4			14
Assault 3rd Degree									1			7	3		2	8	2	3		2	10	3			41
Assault 2nd Degree—Rape 2nd Degree																						1			1
Burglar Tools—Unlawful Possession																						2			2
Burglary 1st Degree—Petit Larceny																							1		1
Burglary 3rd Degree																		1		4	1				6
Burglary 3rd Degree—Attempt				1														3		7		1			12
Burglary 3rd Degree—Grand Larceny 1st Degree																			3						3
Burglary 3rd Degree—Grand Larcey 2nd Degree																				1				2	3
Burglary 3rd Degree—Malicious Mischief																						5			5
Burglary 3rd Degree—Petit Larceny	1	3	1			2	1	3	2		3				2		3	7	1	19	8	4	20	5	85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property											1						4			1					6
Dangerous Weapons															1	1									2
Disorderly Conduct	3		1	1		2				1	4	8	8	4	24	52	22	15	38	62	72	29	10	5	361
Escape	1																			1		1		1	4
Extortion													2												2
False Alarms of Fire														4		4	6	2	4	2					22
Firearms—Unlawful Discharge															2	1					1				4
Firearms—Unlawful Possession				1																1					2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree				2										1			2		2		3	2	3		15
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree—No Oper. License																	1			1					2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree—Malicious Mischief																2									2
Impairing Morals of Child																1	1	2	1	2	1	2			10
Totals Carried Forward	6	3	2	5		4	1	3	3	1	10	16	19	13	33	76	47	39	51	111	103	57	35	15	653

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled—Tabulated by Time of Occurrence (Continued)

OFFENSE	A. M.												P. M.												
	12 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 9	9 10	10 11	11 12	12 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 6	6 7	7 8	8 9	9 10	10 11	11 12	Totals
Totals Brought Forward	6	3	2	5		4	1	3	3	1	10	16	19	13	33	76	47	39	51	111	103	57	35	15	653
Indecent Exposure													1								1	1			3
Lost Children											1		1	2	3	2	1	2				1			13
Malicious Mischief													7	3	5	25	24	6	4	34	38	13	3		162
Material Witness			1																1	3		2	3		10
Miscellaneous	2										1	1		2	1	2	1	2		7	6	7	1	2	35
Petit Larceny	3	5	4		2	1	2	2		11	15	13	11	11	40	61	51	30	25	98	61	36	1	13	496
Petit Larceny—Malicious Mischief																3			4	1		1	2		11
Petit Larceny—Runaway																				1					1
Prostitution—Voluntary																					1	1			2
Public Intoxication																								1	1
Rape 2nd Degree																					1				1
Robbery 2nd Degree																			1						1
Runaways	2	3	3	1		1			4	3	1	3	2	1	1	9	7	5	2	7	5	17	6	1	84
Sodomy																2	1		1		2				6
Sodomy—Attempt																				1					1
Stealing from the Mails									1		3							1							5
Traffic Violations									1						1		4			4	2	1	3		16
Truancy						1		1	9		1					1		1			4	1			19
Ungovernable Child	1	2							4							4	1		2	2	7	4	6		33
Unlawful Entry	2											3				1	1			3	2	3			15
Unlawful Entry—Malicious Mischief																				4	4				8
Unlawful Entry—Petit Larceny														2			3		3				13		21
Unlawful Intrusion												1	1		8	2		6	16	26	12	17	1	1	91
Unlawful Intrusion—Malicious Mischief																			6						6
Unlawful Intrusion—Petit Larceny												3	1	3		2	4	3		2	1				19
Vagrancy				1																					1
Violation of Parole												1													1
Violation of Probation																1									1
Totals	16	13	10	7	2	7	3	6	22	15	32	41	43	37	92	191	145	95	116	304	250	162	74	33	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled—Tabulated by Precincts of Occurrence

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Out of Town	Totals
Abandoned Children									3										3
Air Rifles			2	2	1		1	4	6	4			1	1	9	2	5		38
Alcoholic Beverage Control Act								1		1									2
Arson 2nd Degree									2										2
Arson 3rd Degree											3								3
Assault 2nd Degree		2			1		1				3	5					2		14
Assault 3rd Degree		1	4		13	3	2	5	4	4	1	1	2				1		41
Assault 2nd Degree — Rape 2nd Degree									1										1
Burglars Tools—Unlawful Possession					2														2
Burglary 1st Degree — Petit Larceny														1					1
Burglary 3rd Degree									3				1				2		6
Burglary 3rd Degree — Attempt			1		1	5	5												12
Burglary 3rd Degree — Grand Larceny 1st													3						3
Burglary 3rd Degree — Grand Larceny 2nd	1												2						3
Burglary 3rd Degree — Malicious Mischief													5						5
Burglary 3rd Degree — Petit Larceny	2	2	3	6	17		4	6	8	4	4	5	9		11		4		85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property	4							1				1							6
Dangerous Weapon	1								1										2
Disorderly Conduct	14	18	30	21	29	25	18	25	29	15	25	25	16	21	11	22	17		361
Escape			2											1				1	4
Extortion					2														2
False Alarms of Fire					2	1		4	3		1		2		8	1			22
Firearms — Unlawful Discharge								3							1				4
Firearms — Unlawful Possession												1				1			2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree	1	2				4		3	1	1			1				2		15
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree — No Operator's License									1								1		2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree—Malicious Mischief									2										2
Impairing Morals of Child	1				2	3				1		1		1	1				10
Totals Carried Forward	24	25	42	29	70	41	31	52	64	30	37	39	42	25	41	26	34	1	653

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled — Tabulated by Precinct of Occurrence (Continued)

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Out of Town	Totals
Totals Brought Forward	24	25	42	29	70	41	31	52	64	30	37	39	42	25	41	26	34	1	653
Indecent Exposure										2						1			3
Lost Children	2		1				1	4	2					1		2			13
Malicious Mischief	6	5	16	1	14	13	5	7	13	22	7	3	2	10	13	12	13		162
Material Witness					1		1	1	3	1			1		1		1		10
Miscellaneous	7		6	4	4	1		2		5	3	1	1		1				35
Petit Larceny	20	27	55	16	16	25	22	139	25	28	15	13	42	3	19	24	7		496
Petit Larceny — Malicious Mischief					2			6	3										11
Petit Larceny — Runaway			1																1
Prostitution — Voluntary				1												1			2
Public Intoxication								1											1
Rape 2nd Degree												1							1
Robbery 2nd Degree				1															1
Runaways	10	2	12	5	2	5	4	3	5	7	4	7	2	2	1	3		10	84
Sodomy							3						2		1				6
Sodomy — Attempt								1											1
Stealing From the Mails						3		2											5
Traffic Violations	1			2	2	1		1	2	1	2	2				2			16
Truancy	1	1	4		1	3	1	4			1		1	1		1			19
Ungovernable Child	3	2	4	8	3	2	1	3	3	2		1			1				33
Unlawful Entry			7	3	2							1	2						15
Unlawful Entry — Malicious Mischief										5				3					8
Unlawful Entry — Petit Larceny			3			2	12			3	1								21
Unlawful Intrusion	5	3	10	8	12	7	5	6	5	4	2	4	6	2	5	7			91
Unlawful Intrusion — Malicious Mischief										6									6
Unlawful Intrusion — Petit Larceny		1					1		3	7	3	1					3		19
Vagrancy	1																		1
Violation of Parole	1																		1
Violation of Probation		1																	1
Totals	81	67	161	78	129	103	87	232	128	123	75	73	101	47	83	79	58	11	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled — Tabulated by Precinct of Residence

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Out of Town	Totals
Abandoned Children									3										3
Air Rifles			2	1	1	2	1	7	4	4			1	1	8	2	4		38
Alcoholic Beverage Control Act								1		1									2
Arson 2nd Degree									2										2
Arson 3rd Degree											3								3
Assault 2nd Degree		2			1		2	2			2	3					2		14
Assault 3rd Degree		1	1	3	13	2	2	5	4	4	1	2	2				1		41
Assault 2nd Degree — Rape 2nd Degree									1										1
Burglar Tools — Unlawful Possession					2													1	2
Burglary 1st Degree — Petit Larceny									3				1				2		1
Burglary 3rd Degree				1	1	5	5						3						6
Burglary 3rd Degree — Attempt				1									2						12
Burglary 3rd Degree — Grand Larceny 1st Degree													5						3
Burglary 3rd Degree — Grand Larceny 2nd Degree																			3
Burglary 3rd Degree — Malicious Mischief																			5
Burglary 3rd Degree — Petit Larceny	3	3	3	5	18		5	10	3	4	4	4	12		9			2	85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property				4				1			1								6
Dangerous Weapons			1						1										2
Disorderly Conduct	9	18	13	23	27	24	26	33	32	30	15	26	22	20	8	18	11	6	361
Escape			1		1													2	4
Extortion					2														2
False Alarms of Fire					3	1		4	3		1		2		8				22
Firearms — Unlawful Discharge								3							1				4
Firearms — Unlawul Possession				1									1						2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree		2		1	4	1		2	1			1	1				2		15
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree — No Operator's License									1								1		2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree — Malicious Mischief									2										2
Impairing Morals of a Child	1				2	3			1		1		1	1					10
Totals Carried Forward	13	25	21	41	75	38	41	68	61	43	28	36	53	22	34	20	23	10	653

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Juvenile Cases Handled — Tabulated by Precinct of Residence (Continued)

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Out of Town	Totals
Totals Brought Forward	13	26	21	41	75	38	41	68	61	43	28	36	53	22	34	20	23	10	653
Indecent Exposure										2						1			3
Lost Children	1	1					1	4	2							2		2	13
Malicious Mischief	6	6	16	1	12	18	7	9	12	20	11	4	3	6	9	9	9	4	162
Material Witness		1			1			2	3	1			1				1		10
Miscellaneous	1		3		6	1	2	3		4	2	2		1	3	2	1	4	35
Petit Larceny	24	39	20	43	28	29	17	88	28	26	22	11	54	12	17	16	3	19	496
Petit Larceny — Malicious Mischief				1	2			5	3										11
Petit Larceny — Runaway																		1	1
Prostitution — Voluntary								1										1	2
Public Intoxication								1											1
Rape 2nd Degree																1			1
Robbery 2nd Degree				1															1
Runaways		1	2	9	3	2	3	2	4	9	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	35	84
Sodomy							3		1				2						6
Sodomy — Attempt								1											1
Stealing From the Mails						3		2											5
Traffic Violations			1	2	2	1		2	2	1	2	1				1		1	16
Truancy	1	3	1	3		1	1	4			1	2	1			1			19
Ungovernable Child	3	2	4	7	3	2	1	3	3	2		1			1	1			33
Unlawful Entry			6	4	2							1	2						15
Unlawful Entry — Malicious Mischief					4					1				3					8
Unlawful Entry — Petit Larceny			3			2	13			3									21
Unlawful Intrusion	4	1	9	11	11	3	4	7	5	6	2	3	6	5	5	7		2	91
Unlawful Intrusion — Malicious Mischief										6									6
Unlawful Intrusion — Petit Larceny							1	1	3	7	3	1	3						19
Vagrancy				1															1
Violation of Parole	1																		1
Violation of Probation		1																	1
Totals	54	81	86	124	149	100	94	203	127	131	74	63	126	50	72	63	40	79	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Disposition of Juvenile Cases

OFFENSE	Female	Male	Released With Warning	Petitioned--Taken to Detention	Petitioned--Released Custody of Parents	Not Implicated	Totals
Abandoned Children	1	2				3	3
Air Rifles		38	31	2	5		38
Alcoholic Beverage Control Law	2			1	1		2
Arson 2nd Degree		2		2			2
Arson 3rd Degree		3			3		3
Assault 2nd Degree	1	13	5	1	3	5	14
Assault 3rd Degree	2	39	33	3	5		41
Assault 2nd Degree—Rape 2nd Degree		1		1			1
Burglar Tools—Unlawul Possession		2	2				2
Burglary 1st Degree—Petit Larceny		1		1			1
Burglary—3rd Degree		6		6			6
Burglary 3rd Degree—Attempt		12		9	3		12
Burglary 3rd Degree—Grand Larceny 1st Degree		3		1	2		3
Burglary 3rd Degree—Grand Larceny 2nd Degree		3		3			3
Burglary 3rd Degree—Malicious Mischief		5			1	4	5
Burglary 3rd Degree—Petit Larceny		85	16	45	20	4	85
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property		6	5		1		6
Dangerous Weapons		2	1		1		2
Disorderly Conduct	27	334	347	7	7		361
Escape		4		4			4
Extortion		2			2		2
False Alarms of Fire		22		12	10		22
Firearms—Unlawful Discharge		4	3		1		4
Firearms—Unlawful Possession		2	1		1		2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree		15	1	9	5		15
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree—No Operator's License		2	1		1		2
Grand Larceny 2nd Degree—Malicious Mischief		2		2			2
Impairing Morals of Child		10	6	1	3		10
Totals Carried Forward	33	620	452	110	75	16	653

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Disposition of Juvenile Cases (Continued)

OFFENSE	Female	Male	Released With Warning	Petitioned--Taken to Detention	Petitioned--Released Custody of Parents	Not Implicated	Totals
Totals Brought Forward	33	620	452	110	75	16	653
Indecent Exposure	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Lost Children	5	8	13	.....	.....	.....	13
Malicious Mischief	3	159	118	6	32	6	162
Material Witness	8	2	5	2	.....	3	10
Miscellaneous	10	25	29	1	.....	5	35
Petit Larceny	52	444	335	101	57	3	496
Petit Larceny—Malicious Mischief	.....	11	4	4	3	.....	11
Petit Larceny—Runaway	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Prostitution—Voluntary	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2
Public Intoxication	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Rape 2nd Degree	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Robbery 2nd Degree	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Runaways	19	65	36	48	.....	.....	84
Sodomy	.....	6	.....	2	3	1	6
Sodomy—Attempt	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Stealing From Mails	.....	5	4	.....	.....	1	5
Traffic Violations	2	14	8	2	6	.....	16
Truancy	5	14	10	4	5	.....	19
Ungovernable Child	14	19	15	16	2	.....	33
Unlawful Entry	.....	15	13	.....	2	.....	15
Unlawful Entry—Malicious Mischief	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....	8
Unlawful Entry—Petit Larceny	2	19	19	2	.....	.....	21
Unlawful Intrusion	2	89	72	6	12	1	91
Unlawful Intrusion—Malicious Mischief	.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	6
Unlawful Intrusion—Petit Larceny	.....	19	15	1	3	.....	19
Vagrancy	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Violation of Parole	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Violation of Probation	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Totals	157	1559	1169	310	201	36	1716

CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

Adult Cases Handled

CHARGE	Number of Cases Investigated	Referred to City or Children's Court	Released With Warning	Not Implicated After an Investigation
Adultery	1	1		
Air Rifle	1	1		
Assault 2nd Degree	6	1		5
Assault 3rd Degree	4	2	1	1
Assault—Attempt	2		1	1
Burglary 1st Degree—Petit Larceny	1	1		
Burglary 3rd Degree—Petit Larceny	6	3		3
Carnal Abuse of Female Child	2	2		
Carnal Abuse of Female Child—Sodomy	1	1		
Criminally Receiving Stolen Property	3		2	1
Disorderly Conduct	38	4	29	5
Escape	1	1		
Indecent Exposure	2	1	1	
Impairing Morals of Child	15	14	1	
Interfering With Officers	3	3		
Investigation (Rape Case)	2	2		
Malicious Mischief	8		8	
Material Witness	2	2		
Miscellaneous	6	1	2	3
Petit Larceny	24	8	16	
Prostitution	1	1		
Rape 1st Degree—Assault 2nd Degree	1	1		
Rape 2nd Degree	29	28		1
Runaways	17	11	6	
Sodomy	3	3		
Sodomy—Rape 2nd Degree	1	1		
Stealing from Mails	1	1		
Truancy	8	8		
Ungovernable	1		1	
Unlawful Entry	5		4	1
Unlawful Intrusion	6	1	5	
Unlawful Possession of Firearms	1		1	
Violation of Education Law	10	10		
Violation of Probation	1	1		
Violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law	7	5	2	
Wayward Minor	8	5	3	
Totals	228	124	83	21

The above cases include all persons 16 years of age or over, which accounts for the number released with warnings for less serious offenses.

Traffic

SPECIAL ITEMS

Removal of all raised safety zone platforms in Main Street.

Complete installation of new school signs in front of all public, parochial and high schools, as well as placing news signs at practically all of the municipal playgrounds.

SUMMARY OF OFFICE REPORT FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1938

Items submitted to Safety Commission	322
Precinct Reports Requested	264

SIGNS

	Orders Issued	Orders Completed	Orders Incomplete
Stop signs	94	77	17
Signs removed	32	32	0
No standing from here to corner	26	15	11
No standing this side at any time	13	10	3
Parking (specified time)	10	9	1
Directional arrows	6	6	0
One way signs	12	10	2
No parking at any time	47	31	16
No parking here to corner	2	2	0
Dead end signs	6	6	0
Speed signs (M.P.H.)	2	0	2
City Limit signs	1	0	1
Bus stops	2	1	1
Slow Signs	3	2	1
Playground signs	7	6	1
No standing (specified time)	2	0	2
No left turns	1	1	0
Narrow bridge	1	1	0
Miscellaneous orders	8	6	2
Signs, replaced and repaired	110	96	14
Totals	385	311	74

Many of the above orders included the full length of streets, which require the installation of a large number of signs.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS

School Crossings, Center Lines, Parking Lines, etc.	29 lineal miles

SIGNALS

	Orders Issued	Orders Completed	Orders Incomplete
Signals installed	23	16	7
Signals removed	5	5	0
Time cycle changed	10	8	2
Schedule changed	37	30	7
Flashers installed	4	4	0
Manual control installed	5	5	0
Signals discontinued	1	1	0
Signals restored to operation	3	3	0
No left turn signs attached	10	10	0
No left turn sign removed	1	1	0
Left turn allowed sign attached	1	0	1
Lenses installed and removed	15	15	0
Green arrows attached	4	4	0
Green arrows removed	1	1	0
Miscellaneous signal orders	9	4	5
School sign on signal	1	1	0
No right turn signs installed	1	1	0
No right turn signs removed	1	1	0
Totals	132	110	22

Mounted Division

Personnel—1 Lieutenant and 24 Mounted Patrolmen.

There were 19 horses assigned to the division during the year. The expense of care and maintenance of the mounted barn and horses during the year amounted to $2,983.97, a slight increase over last year due to starting the year with a very small amount of supplies on hand and ending the year with considerable on hand. The upkeep per horse averaged 43.5 cents, an increase of 9 cents due to above reasons. Feed prices being higher also accounted for some of the cost increase.

During the year the members of the division issued 758 summonses, placed 17,470 white tags on improperly parked automobiles, ordered 73 automobiles towed to the "Auto Pound" from restricted parking zones, etc. They also made 25 arrests for violations other than traffic. Fines amounting to $1,648.00 were imposed on the offenders in all of the above mentioned cases.

Members of the division were detailed 11,786 man hours on strike duty, parades, funerals, etc.

A boat with outboard motor has been assigned to the division and during the year the members recovered the bodies of 8 drowned people and grappled for 3 others which were not recovered. The boat was also used to take two men off the breakwall during a bad storm and assisted the Coast Guard in saving three boys who nearly drowned in the Niagara River when their small sail boat capsized.

White Tag Division

Personnel—1 Desk Lieutenant and 3 Patrolmen.

During the year this division served 576 summonses for white tag violations. Thirty-six of the persons served were discharged and the balance of 540 were fined a total of $2,200.00.

Members of the various precincts served 1,884 summonses for the White Tag Division. Of this number 128 were discharged and the balance of 1,756 were fined a total of $6,458.00.

This division also handled 1,010 "Tow" summonses and the persons summonsed in these cases were fined $1,080.00, only 21 being discharged and one given suspended sentence.

Traffic Squad

Personnel—3 Lieutenants and 54 patrolmen.

Members of this squad served 1,264 summonses during the year for various traffic violations. They also ordered 570 automobiles towed from the streets, which were parked in violation of the ordinances. A summons was issued to the owner of each car towed.

A total of 66,443 white tags were placed on automobiles for various minor ordinance violations, such as "parking more than time limit," "more than six inches from the curb," etc.

This squad also made 159 arrests for violations other than traffic.

Motorcycle Squad

Personnel—1 Lieutenant and 24 Motorcycle patrolmen.

During the year the members of this squad served 1,545 summonses, placed 7,948 white tags on improperly parked cars, ordered 156 automobiles towed from the streets, and made 55 arrests for violations other than traffic.

PERMANENT DETAILS OF PATROLMEN

	H.D.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Totals
Acting Detectives	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Airport	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	3
Ambulances	....	7	....	....	7	....	....	....	7	7	....	....	7	7	....	....	....	....	42
Auto Pound	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Auto Theft Div. & Squad	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Ballistics Bureau	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Identification Bureau	15	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	17
Cell Block—H.D.	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Chauffeurs	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
City Court	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
City Treasurer	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Detective Division	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	5
H.D. Elevator	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Health Dept.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
City License Divn.	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	4
Lodging House	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Lost & Stolen Prop. Div	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Mayor's Office	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Parks	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Peace Bridge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Pistol Range	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Prison Van	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Property and Chief Clerk	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
School Census	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
S. H. Post	....	....	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	5
Telephone Switchboard	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
Tow Cars	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
White Tag Division	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Tenement Survey	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Totals	42	22	4	5	7	....	3	2	7	10	4	1	7	7	2	....	4	....	127

TEMPORARY DETAIL SCHEDULE—PATROLMEN

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Totals
Airport		9	40				43				43	20				1528		1683
Band Concerts		2	52				6				11		8					79
Banks			464	15		104		421		12			2	12		40	52	1122
Carnivals	247	45			16		67	66					5		43	58	6	553
Circuses		134	32	192	134	119	122	134	102	160	363		96	135	96	126	48	1993
Conventions			1446	48	6	56	5	5					4	15				1585
Concerts		12	154	60	106	129		82		227			38				80	888
Cashiers		79	3	16	42			354		160		510			32	288		1484
Dances	86	114	1546	606	439	191	183	1599	207	420	732	416	378	142	224	76	65	7424
Escorts			36	79														115
Fires	110	120	62	52	52		18	165	76	160	64	38	29		42	87	56	1131
Fireworks		7	6	6	5		8									5	9	46
Funerals	162	85	184	148	182	145	68	506	96	168	82		178	110	44	130	54	2342
Hospitals	1381	474			16	24	232	223		18	122	65	8	1016	171	711	96	4557
Meetings	76	80	320	117	76	12	128	146		133	36		61	154		70	41	1450
Parks			75	24		5		103		704	14	1261		899	1391			4476
Paymasters		324	3	59	138			282		305	278		129		260	177		1955
Parades	341	298	1236	232	168		161	342	27	260	116	51	221	213	61	372	345	4444
Schools	1134	2569	2648	4698	3663	3927	3024	5301	2230	2451	2342	8642	3833	4432	4527	3444	4580	63445
Sports:																		
Baseball	180	127	460	266	582	489	405	161	242	586	324	205	639	355	121	367	428	5937
Basketball	46	70	136	717	147	51	48	72		162	61		69	85		63	51	1778
Boxing	206	117	164	714	128	89	110	245		191	47		132	65		216	138	2562
Football	188	201	308	257	216	215	153	240	96	181	278		256	295	80	157	254	3375
Ice Skating	20	12	24	11	16	16	30	122	158	25	18	94	96	10	34	5	100	791
Regattas			60		4													64
Wrestling	103	185	134	625	178	43	120	195		190	29		77	92		209	159	2339
Other Sports	228	433	80	997		164	40		48	620			59		35	287	122	3113
Strikes	895	223	160	412	508	1024	494	740	248	2027	136	240	692	2686	2055	3607	408	16555
Theaters			2240			5		10		12					1340	55		3662
Traffic	688	556	200	1704	54	95	1282	14490	1560	20	1464	10	1868		2135	405	657	27188
Vice and Liquor	1328		2680	2432									976					7416
Weddings			45		14	14				14			6	15		24	9	141
Welfare Department	1456																	1456
Miscellaneous	3511	943	9680	941	1802	3555	11208	2633	4252	2890	1942	835	422	3352	856	3213	507	52542
Totals	12386	7219	24678	15428	8692	10472	17955	28637	9342	12096	8502	12387	10282	14083	13547	15720	8265	229691

1 year—365 days
1 tour—8 hours

629 hours per day
78 men per day

STOLEN PROPERTY

Precincts 1	Value of Property Reported Lost 2	Value of Property Found 3	Value of Property Reported Stolen 4	Value of Property Recovered 5	Value of Property Recovered for Other Authorities 6
Headquarters	$ 1,463.78	$ 8.00	$ 14,537.32	$ 10,517.13	$ 3,814.50
Precinct No. 1	849.09	12.00	34,616.14	4,594.84	135.00
" No. 2	1,105.03	129.50	3,721.17	1,999.93	
" No. 3	7,368.28	1,195.00	27,618.46	4,536.70	
" No. 4	1,502.50	5.00	5,485.37	1,203.57	110.00
" No. 5	533.45		4,810.16	582.42	
" No. 6	3,047.93	239.85	13,556.43	2,759.95	
" No. 7	52.25	45.20	1,816.26	504.25	1,502.50
" No. 8	2,204.86	857.01	8,875.42	3,434.31	183.95
" No. 9	458.81	247.00	6,402.43	1,611.19	
" No. 10	1,575.25	10.00	4,200.67	886.73	
" No. 11	147.75	3.00	2,266.58	331.25	
" No. 12	940.78	77.00	5,034.87	1,248.28	
" No. 13	407.50		4,408.65	1,269.65	20.00
" No. 14	1,219.15		4,115.40	119.30	
" No. 15	413.85	86.00	5,640.13	392.65	94.00
" No. 16	849.80	3.50	7,054.50	2,357.32	
" No. 17	1,473.25	17.50	5,476.22	1,565.92	
Totals	$ 25,613.31	$ 2,935.56	$159,636.18	$ 39,915.39	$ 5,859.95

NUMBER OF PERSONS CHARGED BY PRECINCTS

Precincts	Male	Female	Total
Headquarters	1,804	550	2,354
Traffic Division	2,199	171	2,370
Accident Division	775	39	814
White Tag Divn.			2,460
Precinct No. 1	2,846	155	3,001
" No. 2	2,059	181	2,240
" No. 3	2,320	386	2,706
" No. 4	2,828	362	3,190
" No. 5	875	72	947
" No. 6	1,267	223	1,490
" No. 7	719	21	740
" No. 8	2,353	145	2,498
" No. 9	762	32	794
" No. 10	1,358	201	1,559
" No. 11	1,264	46	1,310
" No. 12	1,410	59	1,469
" No. 13	893	55	948
" No. 14	719	80	799
" No. 15	550	28	578
" No. 16	997	88	1,085
" No. 17	754	142	896
Totals	28,752	3,036	34,248

MARITAL CONDITIONS OF PERSONS CHARGED

Precincts	Married	Single	Total
Headquarters	1,154	1,200	2,354
Traffic Division	1,505	865	2,370
Accident Divn.	420	394	814
White Tag Divn.			2,460
Precinct No. 1	437	2,564	3,001
" No. 2	754	1,486	2,240
" No. 3	1,086	1,620	2,706
" No. 4	1,687	1,503	3,190
" No. 5	561	386	947
" No. 6	949	541	1,490
" No. 7	376	364	740
" No. 8	1,311	1,187	2,498
" No. 9	381	413	794
" No. 10	1,069	490	1,559
" No. 11	736	574	1,310
" No. 12	856	613	1,469
" No. 13	509	439	948
" No. 14	507	292	799
" No. 15	316	262	578
" No. 16	637	448	1,085
" No. 17	600	296	896
Totals	15,851	15,937	34,248

Note: The above table includes such arrests as material witnesses, violation of probation or parole, R. R. cases, and Federal cases, which are not tallied in Table V.

Changes in the Force

APPOINTMENTS

Oct. 6	Porter		Peter Szumlinski
Oct. 19	Temp. Laborer		Michael Bosinski
Oct. 19	"	"	Thomas McMahon
Oct. 19	"	"	Edmund Staszak
Oct. 21	"	"	Walter Szurma
Oct. 21	"	"	Santo Parisi
Oct. 29	"	"	Luke Mauriello
Oct. 29	Temp. Laborer		Joseph C. Nowak
Oct. 29	"	"	Joseph G. Tiede
Nov. 10	"	"	John J. Wittman
Nov. 10	"	"	John J. Gmerek
Nov. 10	"	"	Meyer Lipchick
Nov. 10	"	"	Walter C. Gansloser

PROMOTIONS

Jan. 3	Captain to Commissioner Glenn H. McClellan
Jan. 3	Lieutenant to Acting Deputy Commissioner Joseph S. Jordan
Jan. 3	Lieutenant to Asst. Chief of Detectives Arthur D. Britt
Jan. 3	Lieutenant to Asst. Chief of Detectives Thos. V. Meegan
Jan. 3	Detective to Asst. Chief of Detectives Patrick J. Hoar
Jan. 8	Captain to Acting Inspector Joseph J. Godfrey
Jan. 14	Patrolman to Actg. Asst. Chief of Identification Chas. J. Riley No. 2
Mar. 31	Lieutenant to Captain Arthur J. Haun
Mar. 31	Detective-Sergeant to Lieutenant Eugene M. Downey
Mar. 31	Detective to Lieutenant John P. Quinn
Mar. 31	Patrolman to Lieutenant Patrick J. Dunford
Mar. 31	Patrolman to Lieutenant Daniel W. Shanahan
Jun. 6	Lieutenant to Captain Peter J. Flood
Jun. 15	Relief Desk Lieutenant to Desk Lieut. Clarence E. Nowlin Norman J. Koch Norman V. Turner Arthur C. Hicks Gus F. Hannula
Jun. 15	Detective to Detective-Sergeant Fred Howell John W. Crotty
Jun. 15	Patrolman to Detective Joseph H. Gastle Charles T. Miller Elmer G. Zimmerman Raymond W. Shaver Austin J. Curry Walter M. Pilarski
Jun. 18	Patrolman to Lieutenant Raymond E. Doyle Charles J. Gorman Leo J. Franier
Jul. 9	Actg. Deputy to Deputy Commissioner Joseph S. Jordan
Jul. 9	Relief Desk Lieutenant to Desk Lieut. Royal E. Schrack Harry A. Davern Thomas J. Carey Jerome T. Cieslikoski Paul G. Marohn George F. Wright Wilbert P. Mulvey
Aug. 6	Patrolman to Lieutenant Richard J. Hurley
Sep. 17	Lieutenant to Captain Michael C. Noeppel
Oct. 1	Detective to Lieutenant John F. Mahoney
Oct. 20	Detective to Detective-Sergeant Edward H. Backus Kenneth J. Keliher Frank N. Felicetta Boleslaus Oseija
Oct. 20	Patrolman to Detective Wilfred J. Sullivan Stephen J. Qualey Charles J. Sheehan Arthur J. Gibbons Edward J. Danaher John J. Carney John B. Owens Murray F. Wright Harry G. Klenk John Kosmanski William Yaiser Norman M. Slattery
Nov. 2	Lieutenant to Captain Jeremiah R. Cronin
Nov. 2	Patrolman to Lieutenant Bernard J. Murphy
Nov. 2	Patrolman to Detective Roy E. Palmer Chas. A. Sparicino
Nov. 15	Patrolman to Desk Lieutenant Paul R. Foss Boleslaus J. Tutuska Howard C. Haberer Harold W. Riley Raymond J. Smith John M. Crotty Joseph P. Moran Robert G. Fogelsonger
Nov. 30	Detective to Lieutenant Edward C. Barrett Raymond W. Shaver
Nov. 30	Patrolman to Lieutenant August R. Reich George A. Reinhard William J. Sullivan
Dec. 3	Detective to Detective-Sergeant Fred H. Rambus Francis E. Shanahan Charles B. Ludwig Richard J. Conroy
Dec. 3	Patrolman to Detective Robert M. Dougherty Charles A. Quinn Fred J. McMullen George H. Smith Frank J. Brinkworth No. 2

CHANGES IN THE FORCE (Continued)

DEMOTIONS

Jan.	3	Asst. Chief of Detectives to Detective Sergeant William J. Madigan
Jan.	3	Asst. Chief of Detectives to Detective James L. Carroll
Mar.	31	Detective to Patrolman (Request) John Conlon
Oct.	20	Detective-Sergeant to Patrolman Raymond J. Bundschu Bart J. O'Leary Frank J. Brinkworth No. 1 John W. Saunders Daniel F. Lucitt Frank J. Leigh
Oct.	20	Detective-Sergeant to Patrolman William F. Muckler
Oct.	20	Detective to Patrolman Fred H. Morganstern Edward A. Bingeman Michael J. Lahiff Conrad Hoffman Edward J. Mandel James L. Carroll John W. Neville Fred A. Smith
Dec.	3	Detective-Sergeant to Detective Edward H. Backus (Request)

SUPERANNUATIONS

Jan.	1	Detective Sgt. Simon A. Kearns
Jan.	1	Lieutenant William F. Scofield
Jan.	1	Patrolman Levi H. Daniels
Jan.	1	Asst. Chf. Dets. Frank J. McCarthy
Jan.	1	Commissioner James W. Higgins
Feb.	14	Desk Lieutenant John Barush
Feb.	28	Patrolman Frank Coughlin
Feb.	28	Desk Lieutenant Geo. F. Steuernagel
Mar.	16	Chf. Park Patrolman Simon Cullen
Mar.	31	Patrolman John F. Donovan
Mar.	31	" James J. Harty
Mar.	31	Lineman James F. Cowig
Apr.	30	Patrolman John J. Schell
Jun.	1	Captain Patrick J. Ryan
Jun.	1	Lieutenant Charles J. Rogers
Jun.	1	Detective-Sgt. James E. Quigley
Jun.	1	Desk Lieutenant Joseph J. Lang
Jun.	1	Desk Lieutenant James A. Hamilton
Jun.	1	Desk Lieutenant Lawrence M. Hallman
Jun.	1	Patrolman Leo O. Daniels
Jun.	1	Patrolman Peter E. Dechert
May	31	Janitress Mary Doerfler
May	31	Desk Lieutenant John F. Barrett
Jun.	16	Lieutenant George N. Beebe
Jun.	26	Patrolman Irving D. Tucker
Jun.	28	" William H. Gorman
Jun.	29	" George F. Elliott
Jun.	29	" Jacob Dorst
Jun.	30	Desk Lieutenant Wm. J. Tibbetts
Jun.	30	Patrolman George F. Hentges
Jun.	30	" James Leary
Jun.	30	Desk Lieutenant Wm. H. Stevens
Jun.	30	Patrolman Charles H. Milbach
Jun.	30	" William H. Jantzen
Jun.	30	" August Uhl
Jun.	30	Detective Peter J. Travers
Sep.	30	Patrolman Alfred Gagnon
Oct.	31	Captain John J. Creahan
Oct.	31	Patrolman William J. Lang
Nov.	26	Lieutenant Frank P. Ruth
Nov.	26	" Henry J. Finsterbach
Dec.	17	Desk Lieutenant Chas. B. Wagner

REINSTATEMENTS

Apr.	13	Patrolman Victor E. Koch

RESIGNATIONS

Jan.	18	Laborer Eugene J. Regan

DISMISSALS

Apr.	8	Laborer Fred Howard
Apr.	8	" John E. Boyd
Aug.	8	" John B. Sokolowski

Deaths

Jan. 23	Patrolman	JOHN J. KANE
Jan. 25	Patrolman	CHARLES J. SCHREUFER
Jan. 26	Captain	JOSEPH J GODFREY
Jan. 26	Lieutenant	CHARLES L. GATH
Jan. 27	Lieutenant	CHARLES F. OBERLY
Jan. 31	Patrolman	ROBERT L. QUIRIN
Feb. 8	Patrolman	CLAYTON W. CLARK
Feb. 22	Detective	RICHARD L. JENKINS
Feb. 28	Lieutenant	JOHN A. MALONEY
Mar. 6	Captain	GEORGE W. McKENZIE
Mar. 20	Detective	FRANK WYPIJEWSKI
Mar. 20	Patrolman	CHARLES D. SUPPLE
Apr. 14	Patrolman	DANIEL E. KINNANE
Jun. 17	Patrolman	CHESTER E. SCHAEFFER
Jun. 22	Patrolman	ALBERT E. WEISER
Jul. 3	Patrolman	THADDEUS L. WISNIEWSKI
Aug. 24	Patrolman	WILLIAM V. SHEA
Sep. 9	Patrolman	ELMER T. FELTZ
Sep. 13	Patrolman	WILLIAM J. RYAN
Sep. 13	Captain	URIAH S. ULRICH
Sep. 27	Patrolman	ANTHONY F. SZYNAKIEWICZ
Oct. 7	Patrolman	JOHN J. GRUBER
Oct. 23	Patrolman	CHARLES T. BAGLEY
Nov. 8	Patrolman	ELMER H. SCHNEIDER
Nov. 19	Mechanic Helper	GEORGE H. METZ

GRAPHS

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Crime Comparisons
Annual Crime Trends
Monthly Crime Trends
Number of Major Crimes Against Persons
Number of Major Crimes Against Property
Value of Property Stolen and Recovered
Average Value of Property Stolen Per Offense
Number of Persons Arrested Over 16 Years of Age
Distribution of Arrests by Age Groups

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The "Crime Comparisons" chart for the years 1937 and 1938 indicates decreases in Murder, Negligent Manslaughter, Robbery, Rape and Auto Theft, and slight increases in Burglary, Aggravated Assault and Larceny.

The total number of cases in Part I Classes in 1937 was 4,289, while in 1938 it was only 4,007, or a decrease of 282 cases. The percentage of decrease is 6.5%. The report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the entire nation shows an increase of 1.3% in these classes of crime.

The "Annual Crime Trends" chart for the years 1934 to 1938, inclusive, shows that the number of cases of Murder, Negligent Manslaughter and Robbery in 1938 are considerably lower than in the past five years. Rape is lower by 20 cases when compared with 1937. Auto Theft has been decreasing for the past four years. Very slight increases are shown in Burglary, Aggravated Assault and Larceny. The increases in Larceny for 1937 and 1938 are explained by the fact that previous to 1937 warrant cases were not included.

The "Monthly Crime Trends" charts are self-explanatory.

"Value of Property Stolen and Recovered" chart when compared with the chart issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the entire nation shows that Buffalo recovered a considerably larger percentage of property in all cases except "Currency."

Chart showing "Average Value of Property Stolen Per Offense" indicates a substantial decrease in value of property taken in robberies and a slight increase in burglary cases. The year 1938, when compared with the chart for the entire nation, shows favorably with the exception of Larceny which is slightly higher in Buffalo.

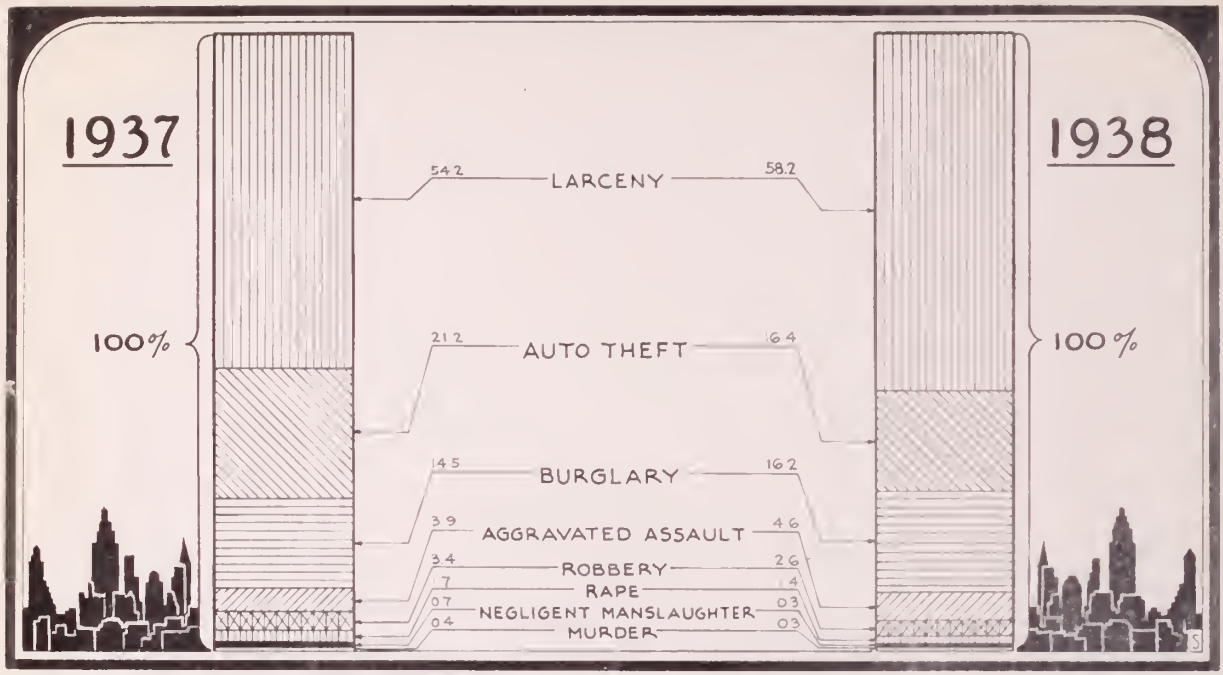
The chart showing "Age of Persons Arrested" indicates the high number of arrests falls in the 35 to 39 age group, with the 30 to 34 group only slightly lower.

"Distribution of Arrests by Age Groups" chart shows that for "All Offenses" the 20 to 29, 30 to 39 and over 44 age groups are nearly equal, though in the various crimes shown the responsibility varies greatly with a high point of 65% of Burglary committed by the "Under 20" group, and the second high of 45% of Robbery committed by the 20 to 29 age group.

CRIME COMPARISONS

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

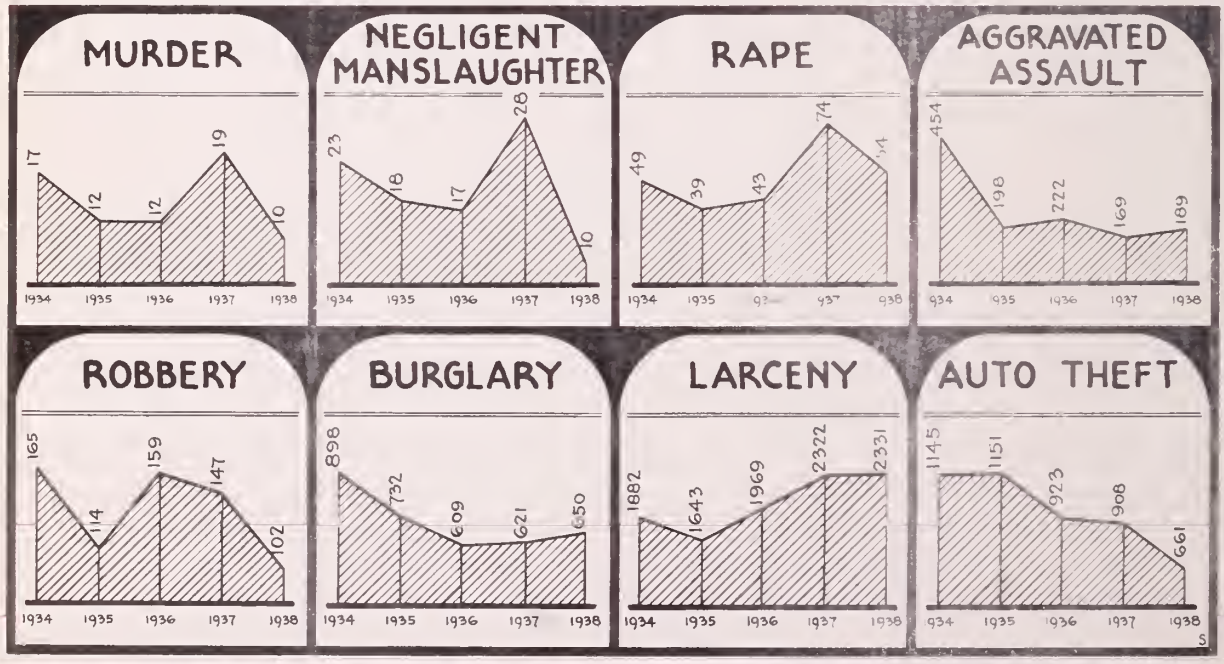
JANUARY 1 *to* DECEMBER 31, 1937 *and* 1938 — BUFFALO, N.Y.



ANNUAL CRIME TRENDS

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

JANUARY *to* DECEMBER (INCLUSIVE) 1934 - 1938 — BUFFALO, N.Y.



MONTHLY CRIME TRENDS

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

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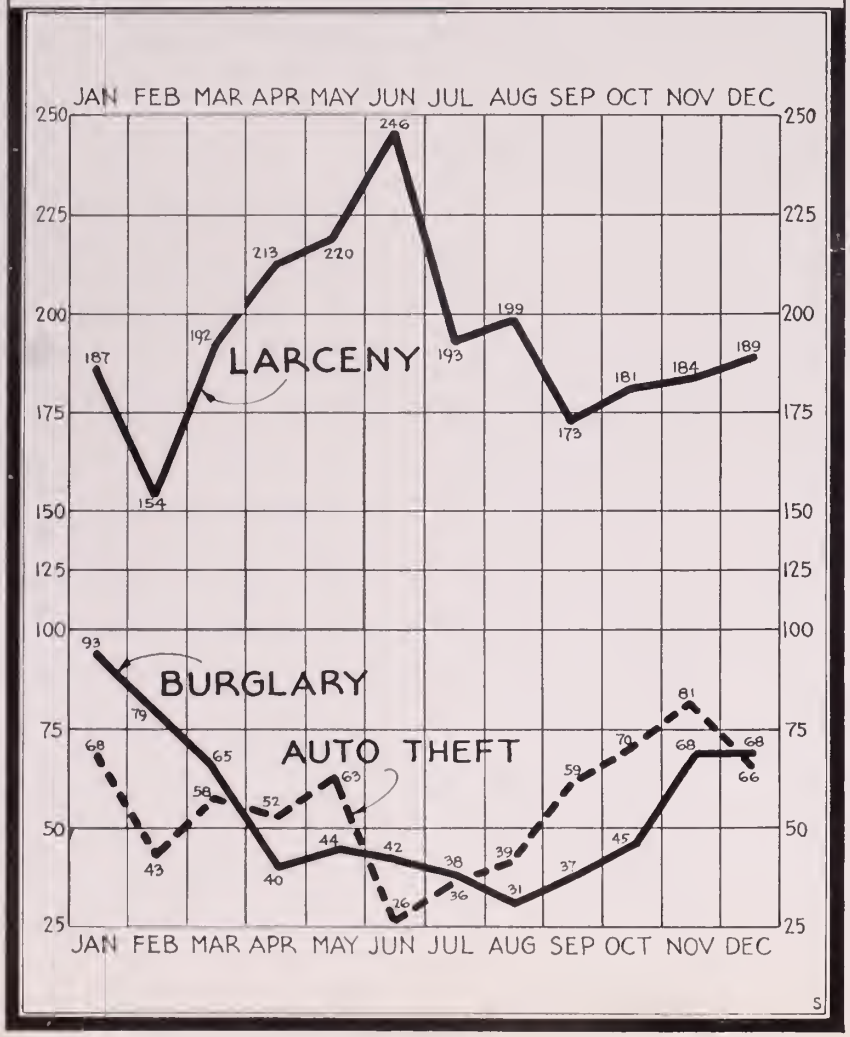

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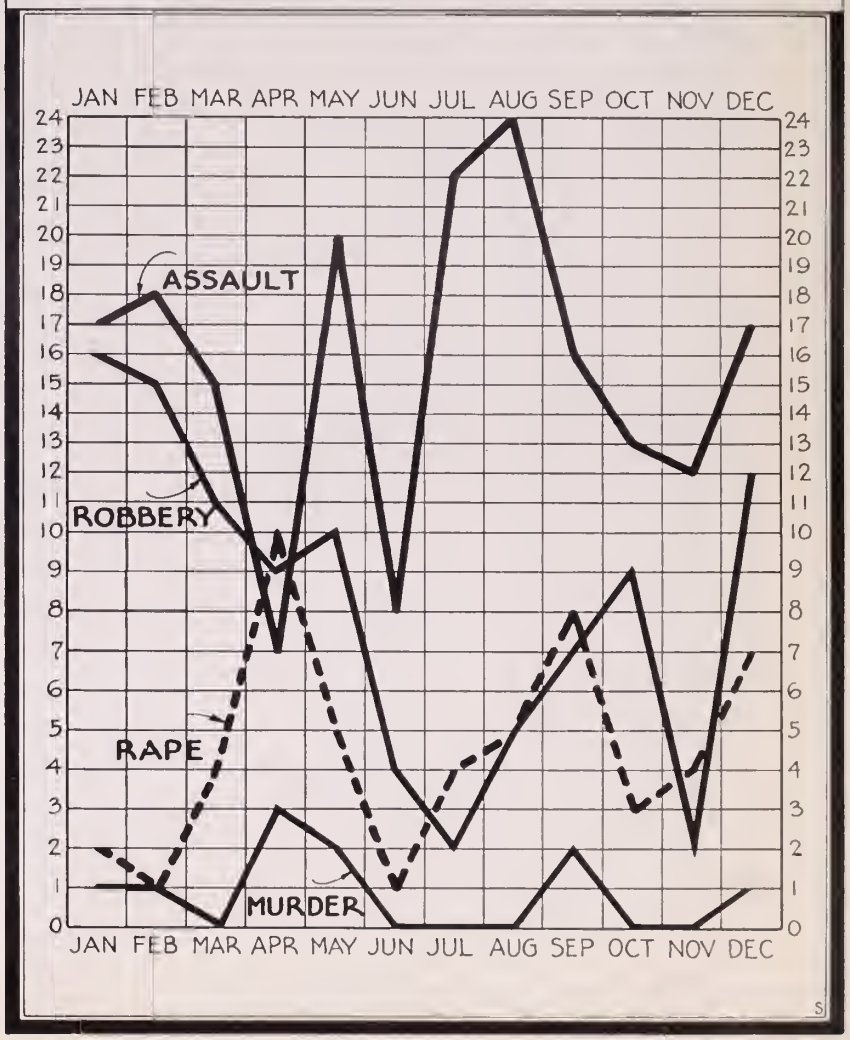

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED

(AUTOMOBILES NOT INCLUDED)

JANUARY 1 *to* DECEMBER 31, 1938 — BUFFALO, N.Y.

	STOLEN EACH FULL SYMBOL REPRESENTS - $3,000.00	RECOVERED EACH FULL SYMBOL REPRESENTS $3,000.00	
CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.	TOTAL VALUE $59,635.31	TOTAL VALUE $4,986.90	8%
JEWELRY & PRECIOUS METALS	TOTAL VALUE $18,702.90	TOTAL VALUE $9,249.65	49%
FURS	TOTAL VALUE $ 5,402.00	TOTAL VALUE $ 1,945.00	36%
CLOTHING	TOTAL VALUE $ 7,950.76	TOTAL VALUE $ 1,877.80	24%
MISCEL-LANEOUS	TOTAL VALUE $67,948.98	TOTAL VALUE $21,866.00	32%

AVERAGE VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN PER OFFENSE

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY - AUTOMOBILES NOT INCLUDED

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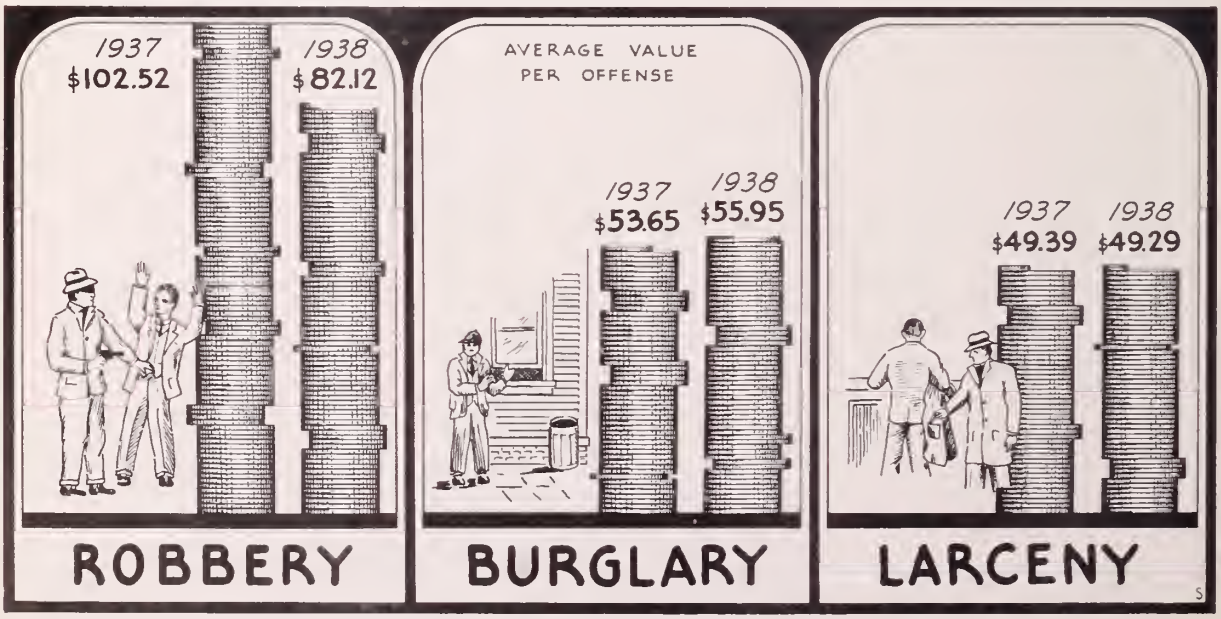


NUMBER OF MAJOR CRIMES

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

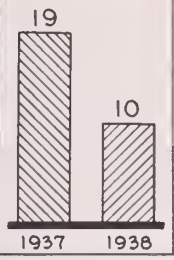
JANUARY 1 *to* DECEMBER 31, 1937 *and* 1938 — BUFFALO, N.Y.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 14.1
1938 15.7

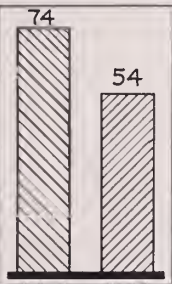
MURDER

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 1.6
1938 0.8



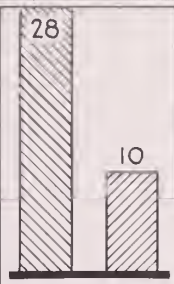
RAPE

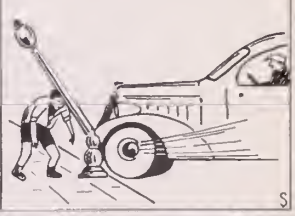
MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 6.2
1938 4.5



NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 2.3
1938 0.8





NUMBER OF MAJOR CRIMES

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

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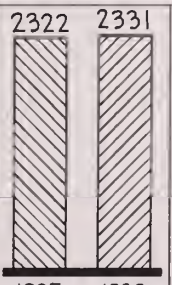
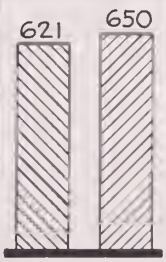
LARCENY

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 193.5
1938 194.3



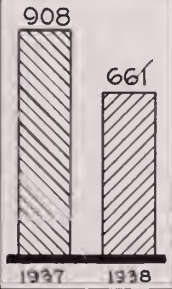
BURGLARY

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 51.8
1938 54.2



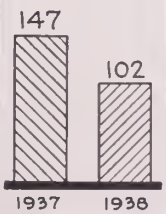
AUTO THEFT

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 75.7
1938 55.1



ROBBERY

MONTHLY AVERAGE
1937 12.3
1938 8.5



NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE

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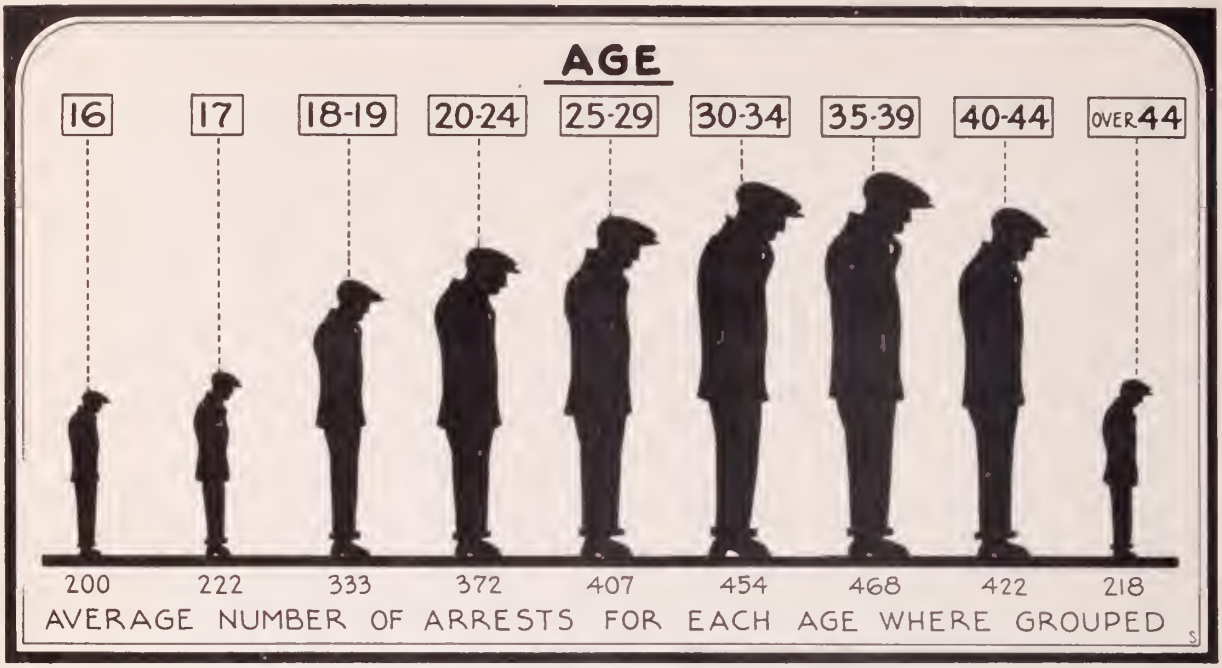

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS

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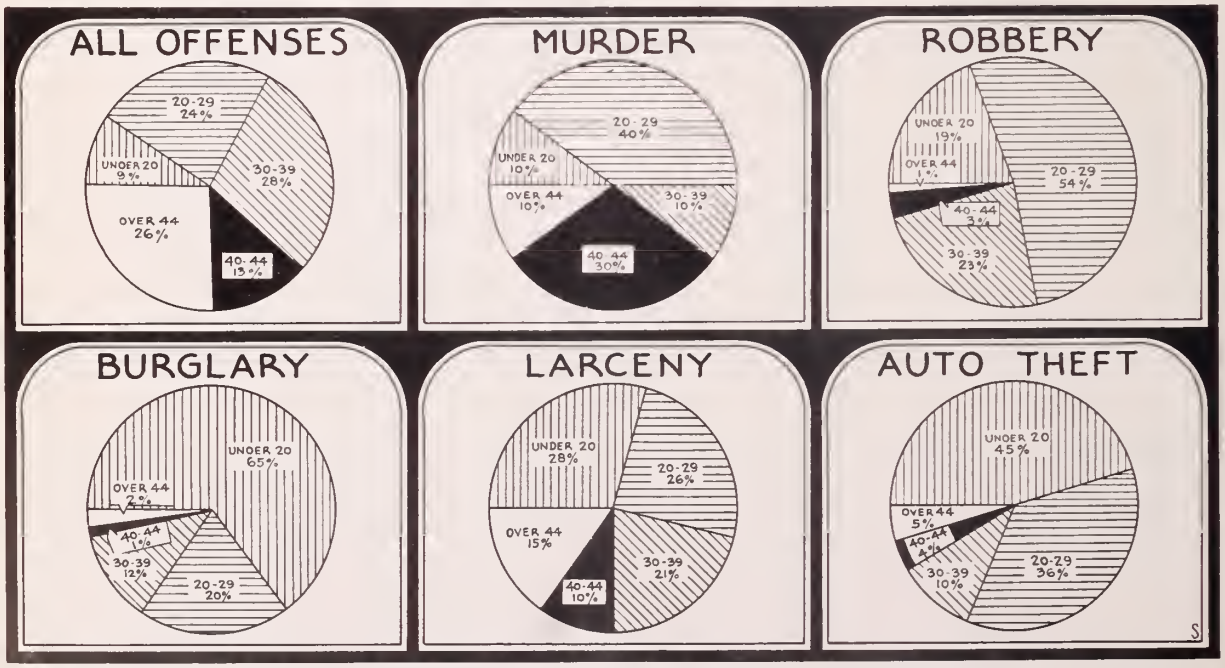

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